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Council Defeats Plan For Charter Review; To Be Aired Again

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

At their Monday, November 21st meeting, Town Council unanimously rejected a resolution to appoint a charter review committee.

But the councilors sponsoring the measure, Nancy Thompson and Vivian Dziardziel, say they will rewrite the proposal and bring it back to the council. "Hopefully, before Christmas," Ms. Thompson said.

Mrs. Dziardziel had asked to withdraw the resolution with the passing of civic leader Raymond E. Charest, who had been named as a member of the proposed committee.

A member of the original charter commission which wrote the town's charter, Charest died on November 20th after a brief illness.

However, Mrs. Dziardziel's attempt to withdraw the resolution was blocked when Councilor Edward A. Caba said the item was on the agenda and the council should take action by voting on it. Caba made a motion to approve the resolution "with the hopes it will be defeated."

Councilor Thomas Ennis, Jr., said charter revision is an issue taken up by Massachusetts General Laws. Ennis said it was wrong to form a charter review committee with the members already in place before the council vote.

"It's not up to elected officials to tinker with the charter," Ennis said. "We should take this down the toilet where it belongs."

Measure Defeated By 9-0 Vote

The measure was defeated by a vote of 9 to 0, with councilors Jill Simpson and Nancy Thompson absent.

The resolution called for a committee to gather information through a series of public hearings and to aggressively seek input from the public before making its recommendations to the council no later than June 30, 1995.

In addition to the two sponsoring councilors, the committee was to have included former Town Councilor Richard Brindle, School Committee Vice-Chairwoman Linda Galarneau, and the late Charest.

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Christmas Open House At Leonard House

The Trustees of the Captain Charles Leonard House invite townspeople to a Christmas Open House on Sunday, December 4th, from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.

The Leonard House is located at 633 Main Street, Agawam Center. Stop by and see the beautiful holiday decorations in the town's most historic landmark and enjoy some holiday cheer with fellow townspeople and members of the Board of Trustees.

Canoeing Is The Only Way To Go...



SPRINGFIELD TURNVEREIN BOY SCOUTS, from left - Will Kaeble (assistant scoutmaster), Mike Bitgood (assistant scoutmaster), Mike Hogan, Chris Fennyery, Leon Connor, Justin Kratovil, Brian Landry, John Bitgood, and Josh Kaeble are about to embark on a canoe trip on November 19th. RELATED PHOTO AND ARTICLE in Education Section.

Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Council To Hold Public Hearing On Splitting Building & Rec. Depts.

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

Despite opposition from four town councilors, Mayor Christopher C. Johnson presented his proposal to split the Building Maintenance Department and Parks & Recreation Department into two separate departments at the Monday, November 21st Town Council meeting.

In a 5-4 vote, councilors approved a parliamentary procedure that allows a speaker (in this case, Johnson) to address the council and engage in a dialogue with the councilors.

Councilors Robert Danie, Thomas Ennis, Jr., Gary Suffriti, and Edward A. Caba voted against allowing Johnson to speak before the council.

Kunasek To Retire

Johnson told councilors that the upcoming retirement of Jack Kunasek, the present director of Municipal Buildings/Recreation, prompted the move to reorganize the department into separate entities.

The reorganization must be approved by a majority vote of the council after a public hearing scheduled for Monday, December 5th, at 7:30 p.m., is held in the Middle School auditorium.

Johnson said his reorganization plan will save the town \$6,806 in 1995 because three of the positions proposed have been downgraded to a lower pay scale.

Under Johnson's plan, the position of director of Building/Recreation (tier 1 pay scale) will be split into two positions - Building Maintenance director (tier 2) and director of Parks and Recreation (tier 3).

Also, the position of deputy director of Building Maintenance has been downgraded one pay scale. The position of town electrician carries a \$2,500 stipend as compensation for maintaining a license to service the town.

Johnson said he planned to appoint Anthony Albro, currently deputy director of Municipal Buildings and the town's electrician, as the new Building Maintenance director. Johnson said Albro has neither the desire nor the training to oversee the Recreation Department.

"Tony has done an outstanding job providing maintenance and custodial work. I want to give him reins to take over the department," Johnson said.

An existing Building Maintenance foreman would be promoted to the job of deputy director, Johnson told councilors.

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Agawam Obituaries

Gino Rossi Was Longtime Civic & Political Leader

The Town of Agawam will sorely miss Gino R. Rossi.

The longtime civic and political leader, who often was described as having a heart of gold, died Saturday in Baystate Medical Center.

Rossi was the former long-time owner of Gino's Liquors on Walnut Street Extension. Through this business, Rossi was able to support many local civic groups and charities over the years. He was well-known as a strong supporter of his church and a strong advocate of turning the Walnut Street Extension business district into a thriving area.

Rossi owned the package store from 1961 until his retirement in 1989. Born in Springfield, he graduated from the High School of Commerce and lived in Agawam for 40 years. He was a Navy veteran of World War II, serving as an aviation chief ordnanceman aboard the original USS Hornet in the Pacific theater.

Rossi was a communicant of St. John's Church was involved in many of the church's social functions. He was a founding member of Agawam UNICO and also served as past president of that club. He was also a former member of the Agawam Lions Club. He always promoted both of

these clubs and their many good works at his business while devoting countless hours over the years to their missions.

Rossi was a longtime member of the Democratic Town Committee. He served as a Town Meeting member and served as a town councilor under the former manager/council form of government during the 1970's. He also ran as the Democratic nominee for state representative in the 1970's.

He leaves his wife, the former Diamma D. Moretti; four sons, Mark C. of West Springfield, Raymond F. of Agawam, Christopher M. of Nashua, New Hampshire, and Douglas P. of Suffield, Connecticut.

He also leaves a brother, Albert J. of Boston; a sister, Lillian A. Etkin of Springfield, and six grandchildren.

The funeral was held on Tuesday morning in Colonial Funeral Home and in the church, with burial in Agawam Center Cemetery.

Contributions may be made to the church's Memorial Fund, 823 Main Street, Agawam, or to the American Lung Association of Western Massachusetts, 393 Maple Street, Springfield 01105.

Stanley F. Drzyzga, Sr.

Stanley F. Drzyzga, Sr., 84, of 33 Meadowbrook Manor, Agawam, died Sunday at Baystate Medical Center.

He was born and educated in Chicopee. In 1949, Stanley moved to Agawam where he lived since then.

For 36 years, Stanley was employed by Riverside Park. He retired 15 years ago as manager of Food Concessions. Also, he managed the former bowling allies at Riverside for 25 years. He managed the food concession stands at Great Barrington Fair for 30 years.

During World War II, he served in the State Guard.

Stanley was associated with many organizations throughout his lifetime. Those organizations include International Association of Amusement Parks and New England Association of Amusement Parks and Attractions. Stanley was very active in the Candlepin Association of Massachusetts. He started many bowling youth leagues and he was among the first to have babysitting services available at the bowling

alley.

He was also involved in the Nocturnal Adoration Society. He was a former member of the Mother of Sorrows Layman's Retreat League at Passionist Monastery.

Stanley is survived by his wife of 61 years, Edna (Tyburski) Drzyzga. Other survivors include a son, Stanley F. Drzyzga, Jr., of Westfield; one daughter, Barbara A. Duggan of Feeding Hills; two brothers, John Drzyzga of Chicopee and Ted Drzyzga of the Williamsett section of Chicopee. He was predeceased by two brothers, William Drzyzga, who passed away in 1959, and Henry Drzyzga.

The funeral was on Wednesday morning at Colonial Funeral Home, 985 Main Street, Agawam, with a Liturgy of Christian Burial at St. John the Evangelist Church. Burial followed in Agawam Center Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Shriner's Hospital, Donations Department, 516 Carew Street, Springfield, MA 01104.

Nicholas P. Madamas

Nicholas P. Madamas, 71, of 84 Norris Street, Agawam, a 30-year retired brakeman, conductor, and yardmaster for the Boston & Maine Railroad, died at home. He retired in 1985.

Born in Springfield, he lived in Agawam for 42 years, and was graduated from Springfield's former Trade High School.

He was an Army veteran of World War II, serving with the rank of staff sergeant in a 157th Infantry attachment in the European theater. He participated in the battles of Naples Foggia, Rome Arno, Southern France, and the Rhineland. He received the Purple Heart Award with cluster.

He was a communicant of the Greek Orthodox Cathedral of St. George in Springfield, and served on the Cathedral Council for 12 years. He also served as captain for St. George's Bingo.

He was presented with the Laity Award from the Greek Orthodox Diocese of Boston, and worked for the hungry and homeless at The Greek Cultural Center and the Warming Place in Springfield. He also organized collections of food and clothing for the Open Pantry for distribution in local churches.

He coached Little League baseball teams at Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills and served on the executive committee of the St. George Olympian Drum and Bugle Corps.

He leaves his wife, the former June A. Angelides; two sons, Nicholas P. Jr. of Denver, Colorado, and Michael M. of Westfield; two daughters, Ellen Chiba Kelly of West Springfield and Susan Locke of Enfield; a brother, Charles of Springfield; four sisters, Helen Madamas of Springfield, Ilene Madamas of Redwood City, Calif., Anna Livieratos of West Springfield, and Aphrodite Barbalias of Longmeadow; and five grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Colonial Funeral Home and in the cathedral, with burial in Oak Grove Cemetery, Springfield. Memorial contributions may be made to Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children, 516 Carew Street, Springfield, MA 01104.

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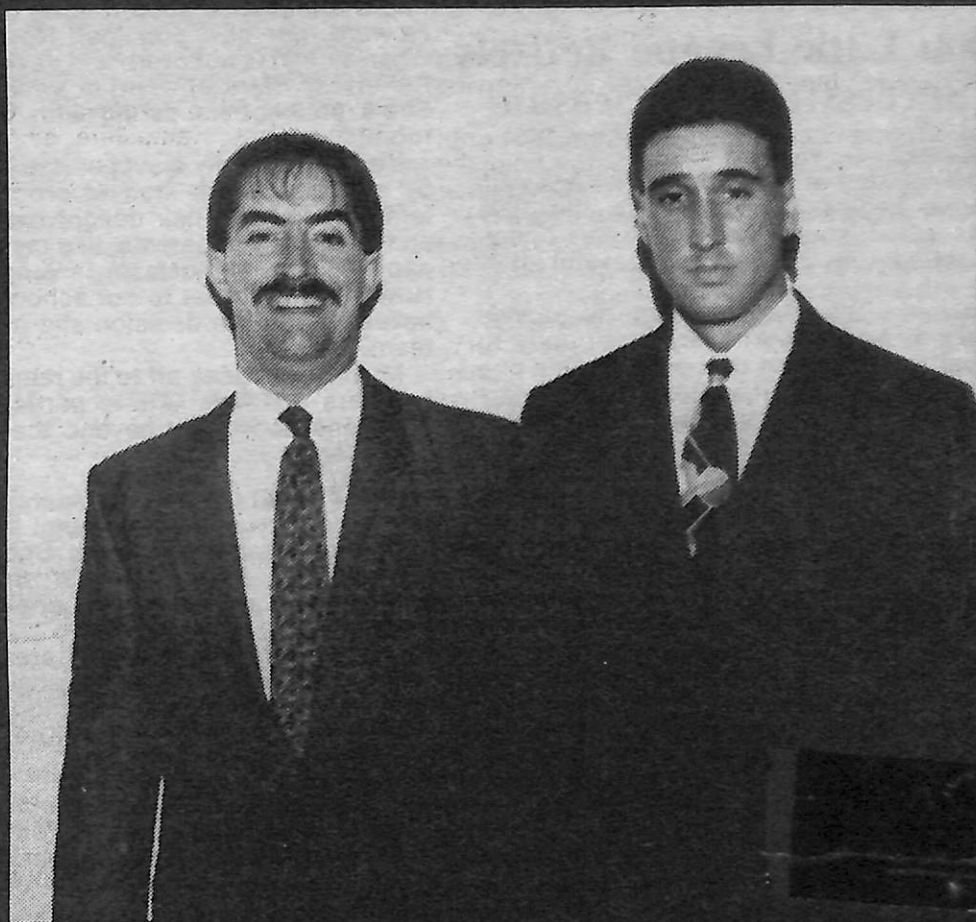
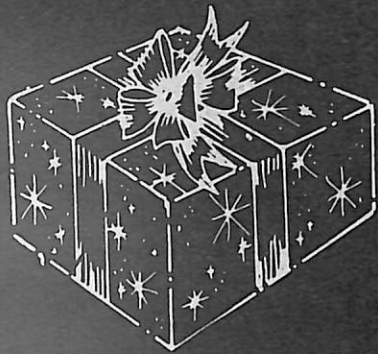
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Letters To The Editor

Agawam Little League Reflects Upon Successful 1994 Season

To The Editor:

As the 1995 Board of Directors of the Agawam Little League begins to prepare for the 1995 baseball season, I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on the very successful 1994 season.

The Agawam Little League is able to provide the children of Agawam with an opportunity to play baseball only because of the dedication of a number of volunteers and the tremendous financial support of the business community.

I would like to thank all members of the 1994 Board of Directors for their tireless efforts to make the difficult task of running the league less cumbersome.

The parents who volunteered their time to staff the concession stand during the season, helped to raise \$5,542.76 which helped offset the cost of umpires and operating expenses. The league could not continue without the help of these parent volunteers.

The Agawam Little League is extremely indebted to Michael Piccins of the Department of Public Works. No matter what the Little League has needed, Mr. Piccins has always been there to insure that the fields will be in the best possible condition for the children of Agawam.

Mark Yacavone of Green Thumb Landscaping has provided the league with hours of field maintenance service.

Both of these men gave many hours of their time to prepare and maintain the playing fields. Their work may go unnoticed because they perform their services before the fans arrive and remain long after all of the players and fans have gone home. However, the league would not be able to maintain the field quality (that we take for granted) without these men.

As always, the league is indebted to the coaches who give of their time to teach baseball and sportsmanship to our children.

On October 11th, 1994, the following people were elected to the 1995 Board of Directors:

President, James Donovan; Vice-President, Jeffrey Carmody; Secretary, Robert Danie; Treasurer, Joanne Menard; Concession Stand Coordinator, Richard Conlon; Equipment Manager, Steven McGuire; Umpire-in-Chief, Richard Hamre; Major League Coordinator, Thomas Zajdel; Minor League Coordinator, Richard Campana; Farm/Tee Ball Coordinator, Bruce Bussiere; Fundraising Coordinator, Joseph Valenti; and Field Maintenance, Mark Yacavone.

As we embark on the planning and organization of the 1995 season, the Board of Directors wishes to invite all citizens of the Town of Agawam to get involved with the Little League so that we can continue to serve the children of Agawam.

The dedication of a few hours of your time can make the difference between a successful and unsuccessful season.

Very truly yours,
James Donovan, President
Agawam Little League

James Clark School Blessed With Many Great People

To The Editor:

As I sit here on Thanksgiving Eve, reading *The Agawam Advertiser*, I'm suddenly reminded of the many blessings bestowed upon me. One of which is my children's school. The teachers, the parents, our new principal, the PTO, are all intricate parts of James Clark.

James Clark is a wonderful school which has had the immense good fortune of receiving Mrs. Howard, our new principal. Not a day goes by when a child is not overheard saying something to the effect, "Mrs. Howard is awesome, isn't she? She's so cool for eating with us in the lunch room!"

Yes, folks, many a supper has been interrupted by a James Clark student proclaiming to their family members their delight over Mrs. Howard, and I'm sure you parents, like myself, couldn't be happier. The enthusiasm is long overdue. Mrs. Howard is an asset to our school and I pray she never doubts the decision she made to join our team.

My hat also goes off to the remarkable group of teachers at Clark. One in particular, who really has gone above and beyond the call of duty, is Mrs. Nancy Shaker.

This "Angel of Academic Mercy" held my hand through some pretty emotional "stuff" last year and I can't thank her enough. She always put the student first, no matter what! She's an unsung hero in my book, even if she does like Rush Limbaugh!

The parents of Clark kids are an exceptional group of people. I've had the privilege of meeting quite a few of you at our school functions this year and it's been a real joy. Keep up the crucial involvement!

I'd be very remiss if I didn't make an honorable mention, so here goes. Mrs. Hollinger, I'm going to miss that special smile of yours when you finally retire. Best wishes to one of Clark's finest "ladies."

Now, to a most generous, concerned, committed, loyal group of individuals, my peers, the PTO. How can I ever thank you all? I can't. But please allow me to acknowledge you in this small way and offer my heartfelt gratitude to Lori Bernier, Debbie Roda, Mary Beth Sheehan, Eileen Quinlan, Helen Klimzack, Linda Groom, Bev Follis, Sue Roberts, Diane Donah, and a big thanks to Kathy Keenan! You know why, Kathy!

My job as PTO President would have been 10 times harder, to say the least, without all of your guidance, ladies. I'm very fortunate and I guess that's why I feel compelled to say thank you, thank you, thank you!

In conclusion, I'd like to say that whether change is good or whether it's bad, it's progress. It's a symbol of what's to come, and I truly believe that God does not give us more than we can handle at any given time.

We're all blessed to have the people and things in our lives that make us happy, make us think, and make us love. Let's keep working together so that our children will reap the benefits. Speaking of children, I'd like to say I love you and I'm so very proud of my sons, Ian, Greg, and Doug. You guys make "parenthood" one chore I don't mind doing every day.

Also, my love and thanks to a very dear and supportive "friend," David. Maybe Thanksgiving should come around more than once a year!

Sincerely,
Debra Curtis
PTO President 94-95

Please Support The Harlem Wizards' Performance At AHS

To The Editor:

I would like to tell the community about what is going on at the high school on December 8th. The Harlem Wizards will be in town!

They are like the Harlem Globetrotters; however, this team will be playing OUR team! That should be a laugh in itself.

Some of the players are people like our Mayor, myself, faculty members of the high school, and members of the P.T.S.O. We are not currently basketball players, yet others are from the varsity high school team.

This should be a great time for us to share together. The event at the high school is sure to be a fun evening.

The date is December 8th at 7:30 p.m. at the Agawam High School gym. Ticket prices are \$5 for students, \$6 for adults, and \$7 at the door.

If you have any questions, feel free to call me at 786-1982.

Sincerely,
Joann McGeoghan
Feeding Hills

Young Musicians Soc. Thanks Public For Fundraiser Support

To The Editor:

The Young Musicians Society wishes to publicly thank all the people who donated to their fundraiser on Saturday, November 26th, to help them reach North America's largest music competition held in Novi, Michigan.

The Great Lakes Regional Music Competition, sponsored by The Music Guild of America, will be held in April of 1995. There are 13 area students traveling to Novi to compete with other students from all over North America. Without the love and support from family, friends, and the community, it might be an unattainable goal.

To the Agawam Post Office, a HUGE THANK YOU for allowing the students to collect donations at your door.

Sincerely,
Grace L. Tilden, President
Young Musicians Society

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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Free mime performance at
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Saturday, December 3rd
Annual Christmas Bazaar at
St. John's Parish Center,
833 Main St., Agawam
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 6th
Annual Winter Concert
Junior High School Auditorium
7:00 p.m.

Donation: \$2 at the door
(Concertgoers are also asked to
bring canned items for Open Pantry)

Wednesday, December 7th
Feeding Hills Women's Club
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Friday, December 9th
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At the Agawam Senior Center
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OBITUARIES - from Page 2...

Laddy Bisson

Laddy (Guay) Bisson, 95, of 52 Maple Street, Agawam, a retired assembler for the former American Bosch Corp., died in Providence Hospital, Holyoke.

Born in Westfield, she lived most of her life in Springfield before moving to Agawam in 1989. She was a communicant of St. Anthony of Padua Church.

Her husband, Samuel Bisson, died in 1969. She leaves a son, Donald R. of Windsor, Connecticut; a sister, Mattie Renaud of Westfield; five grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Agawam Funeral Home and in the church, with burial in St. Michael's Cemetery.

John F. Cassidy

John "Jack" F. Cassidy, 65, of 227 Mill Street, Agawam, died at Baystate Medical Center.

John was a self-employed crane operator for the John F. Cassidy Company, Inc. His son, Steven, began running the business in 1991 when John retired.

He was born in Springfield and graduated in 1948 from Agawam High School. He is a member of St. John the Evangelist Church in Agawam.

In his spare time, John was involved in many local clubs including West Springfield Fish and Game Club, Dante Club of West Springfield, and Western Mass Model "A" Club. He is a retired member of the Operating Engineers Local 98.

John leaves his wife of 44 years, the former Barbara J. Hansen. Other survivors include three sons, Michael L. Cassidy of Indian Orchard, Steven P. Cassidy of Feeding Hills, and Thomas E. Cassidy of West Springfield; two daughters, Laurie A. Misischia of West Springfield, and Virginia E. Flannery of Burlington, CT; one brother, James J. Cassidy of San Antonio, TX; several nieces and nephews, and eight grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Colonial Funeral Home, 985 Main Street, Agawam, with a Liturgy of Christian burial at St. John the Evangelist Church, followed by burial in Agawam Center Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Baystate Medical Center Research Foundation, Springfield, MA 01199.

Aurore Gendron

Aurore (Beaudry) Gendron, 99, of Saab Court, a retired presser at Belmont Laundry, died in a local nursing home.

She retired in 1957. Born in St. Cesaire, Quebec, Canada, she lived in Springfield most of her life. She was a member of the Brightwood Golden Age Club.

Her husband, Wilfred Gendron, died in 1960. She leaves a daughter-in-law, Lillian Gendron of Agawam; five grandchildren, Raymond W. Gendron, Gerald W. Gendron, Ronald C. Gendron, and Jon A. Gendron, all of Agawam, and Alan L. Gendron of Southwick; and 10 great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by two sons; Raymond Gendron died in 1944 and Gerard "Gito" Gendron died in 1976.

The funeral was at Agawam Funeral Home and in Sacred Heart Church, with burial in St. Michael's Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 383 Dwight St., Holyoke, 01040.

Rita A. Culverhouse

Rita A. (Shea) Culverhouse, 62, of 722 South West Street, Feeding Hills, a 12-year cafeteria worker at Agawam High School, died at home.

She retired in 1979. She was a bookkeeper at the former Sears Roebuck Co. Department Store in West Springfield, and also worked for the government. She assisted with the 1980 national census.

A lifelong resident of Feeding Hills, she was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church. She was a 1950 graduate of Agawam High School, and was on her class reunion committee. She also did extensive genealogy research.

She leaves her husband, Robert P. Culverhouse; a son, Kevin R. at home; a daughter, Eileen M. Zymroz of West Springfield, and two grandchildren.

The funeral was at Agawam Funeral Home and the church, with burial in Agawam Center Cemetery.

SPLITTING DEPARTMENTS - from Page 1

Regional Hunt For Rec. Director

Johnson said he plans to advertise and conduct a regional search to fill the position of Parks and Recreation director. The position will require a bachelor's degree in recreation management and three years of supervisory experience in a recreational capacity.

According to a memo sent by Johnson to the council, separating the departments will allow for growth and expansion of both areas.

Johnson said Kunasek has spent most of his time on recreation programs and he was concerned that recreation might take a back seat when Kunasek retires.

In addition to his proposals to reorganize Building Maintenance and Park & Recreation, Johnson said he is proposing the creation of a Recreation Commission comprised of the director of Parks & Recreation, along with six Agawam voters. All will be appointed by the Mayor.

Johnson said the commission will allow for more citizen input into the town's recreation programs. He said it would also strengthen the relationship between the town and the private athletic organizations who use the town's facilities.

Johnson said the commission would formalize the agreements the athletic associations have with the town, as well as establish a grievance process to resolve disputes, and ensure compliance with necessary rules and regulations.

Ennis said the town would be behind the "eight ball" in three or four years when 4 percent pay raises have "eaten-up" the projected savings. "We're creating more chiefs and not enough Indians," Ennis said.

However, Johnson responded that there was a flaw in this logic because cost of living raises would have to be added to the existing salaries as well as the proposed ones.

Councilor Walter Balboni said the proposal looked good on the surface. "I could never understand why Building Maintenance and Recreation were brought together," Balboni said.

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LETTERS - from Page 4...

**Dr. Tami Nelson & Staff
Help Feed The Homeless****To The Editor:**

Dr. Tami Nelson and her staff, Pam Paro and Lisa Gero, had the opportunity to serve the homeless Thanksgiving dinner on November 23rd at the Springfield Rescue Mission in Downtown Springfield.

Approximately 100 hot dinners were served to the needy and homeless. It was a memorable experience. We suggest that this holiday season, in the spirit of giving, a donation of food, clothes, or money would be greatly appreciated by the Springfield Rescue Mission.

**Hampden County Chiropractic
Feeding Hills**

**Neighborhood Residents
Against Trucking Company****To The Editor:**

The response to Ms. Hinshaw's editorial of November 11, 1994 is quite obvious to those of us who actually live in the neighborhood.

Perhaps Responsive's trucks have never had an accident involving children to date. However, look at their present location.

The intersections of Silver and Shoemaker Lane and Suffield and Shoemaker Lane are not safe for increased traffic. Those are the intersections the trucks would be using if they relocate to Moylan Lane. Presently, Responsive trucks cross the intersection of Silver and Suffield, where prudently, there is a major traffic light. The other end of Silver Street only has a blinking light.

One only has to stand at the smashed in guardrail at Silver and Shoemaker to understand the need for lessened traffic. Look up and down Shoemaker Lane. You can only see 50 feet without hitting a blind curve.

It doesn't take a genius to see that tractor trailers at the intersection or on Shoemaker Lane would further impede other drivers, pedestrians, or animals' vision.

Let's stop the tragedy before it happens.

**Jackie Medeiros, Losito Lane
Anthony Meloni, Losito Lane
Cynthia Meloni, Losito Lane
Phil Beebe, Losito Lane**

**Agawam Girl Scouts Again
Collecting Can Tabs****To The Editor:**

Again this year, the Agawam Girl Scouts are collecting aluminum can tabs to help support the Shriners Hospital, Springfield Unit.

This project was started two years ago by the Senior Girl Scouts. With the help of 30 Agawam Girl Scouts as well as various businesses in town, they were able to collect over 260 pounds of tabs.

These tabs (which come from beverage cans, powdered drink mixes, pet food cans, and various other containers) are given to the Helma Court No. 64, which redeems them and uses that money to purchase needed equipment for the Springfield Unit of the Shriner's Hospital.

Each Girl Scout Troop has its own tab collection jar. Also, there are tab receptacles at various locations throughout the town—restaurants, schools, churches, and redemption centers.

Please take a minute to remove the tabs before redeeming or recycling the cans. You may deposit them in other local tab receptacles or give them to a neighborhood Girl Scout.

Help us save them to support our local Shriners Hospital.

**Marlene Chretien
Jr. Girl Scout Troop 539**

**Muscular Dystrophy Gives
Gagliarducci Award****To The Editor:**

I am writing on behalf of the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Recently we had our awards night, at the Delaney House, and a local gentleman was presented our highest individual honor.

Al Gagliarducci of 17 Hampden Lane in Agawam received our individual spirit award. This award is given yearly to an individual who shows true dedication to MDA.

Al has been a volunteer for MDA for 10 plus years, masterminding, coordinating, and running his own events and donating the proceeds to MDA. This year, Al served on the Executive Committee. Al has also brought on new volunteers this year to help MDA and the contributions total more than \$10,000.

The Ted "Pa" Rockwell awards were dedicated after Ted Rockwell, who was a lifelong volunteer for MDA. Mr. Rockwell committed his life to serving as an MDA volunteer. After passing away, MDA instituted these awards to give to people who show this true spirit, and as you can see, Al does.

If you need additional information, you can contact Al Gagliarducci at 786-3554.

**Thank you,
Lynne Dutton**

MDA Executive Committee Secretary

**Politics In Agawam Is One
Of Town's True Traditions****To The Editor:**

Politics in Agawam are abusing our overtaxed patience and undertaxed intelligence.

The recent election proved a political reality whereas the Agawam candidate was a victim of a massacre and I feel Custer had a better chance. We were supposed to keep the Representative of the Third Hampden District a resident of Agawam.

This system did not prevail and it has not been a principle of our local politicians to hire or promote Agawam residents, for city positions. Someone should find the courtroom where they left their heart and decisions.

Being a tradition, politics remains one of our enduring growth industries. We do not have natural resources such as oil, wheat, coal, iron ore. We have the sport of politics.

Like revenge and sports, politics remains our favorite pastime here in Agawam. We participate in five sports and politics is the most popular sport. We even have an 11-member council similar to an American football team.

I can say the coaches of our football teams are to be congratulated. I just remembered that we have nine members on the United States Supreme Court.

All for a better Agawam.

**Dan Courtney
Feeding Hills**

**Getty Station Attendant
A Hero To Town Residents****To The Editor:**

An incident that took place early one morning on November 28th could have turned into a tragedy if it weren't for Robert Barber, who works at the Getty Station in Feeding Hills.

He was quick to act and literally saved me and my children.

I want to thank him and feel he is a dedicated employee and a hero in my book.

**Sandra Hayslett
Feeding Hills**

**Town Council Charged With
Changing Tune On Casino****To The Editor:**

Monday night, October 17, 1994, at a City Council meeting, under "Any Other Business," Agawam Town Councilor Robert Danie said, "We've been taken to task a couple of different times at public speak time for not taking a public stand on the referendum issue regarding casino gambling."

"I just want to state my feeling. I don't think it's appropriate to be making a political statement from the Council table here as to how people should vote on a particular issue. I will gladly meet any opponent or proponent of the casino and tell them personally my stand, but I don't think we, as elected officials, should be trying to sway the vote one way or the other."

"The reason we decided on a referendum was so the people could get information, form their own opinion, and make their own decision and that is why I will not be making any statements on casino gambling unless that issue is properly before the Council." (end quote)

Agawam Advertiser News, October 27, 1994 edition, page 9: "Town Councilor Against Casino in Hampden County." (end quote). Letter written by Councilor Robert J. Danie.

It only took Councilor Danie 10 days to change his mind!!

**Very truly yours,
Loren J. Montagna**

**Agawam Should Consider
Banning Smoking****To The Editor:**

Since the last national smokeout a year ago, more and more communities in Western Massachusetts have banned smoking from restaurants and public buildings: West Springfield, Chicopee, Holyoke, South Hadley, Northampton, Amherst, Greenfield, and Easthampton.

New regulations will take effect within a few months in Wilbraham, Westfield, Longmeadow, and East Longmeadow and I believe the city of Springfield will soon ban smoking in its restaurants.

Can the City of Agawam be next? Well, City Council, it's up to you!!!

**Mrs. Mary Bradway
Regency Park Dr.
Agawam**

**Redistricting Has Been
Harmful To Local School****To The Editor:**

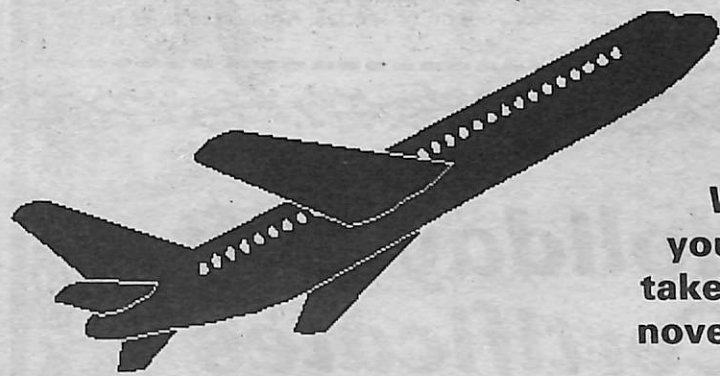
Why are the classes at Granger School more crowded with students than at Robinson Park? Politics?

Redistricting has made Granger School classes more crowded and Robinson Park less crowded to the point that Granger's fourth grade classes run 25 to 26 students, and I understand that Robinson Park's classes are running less than 20 students.

What did we gain in redistricting? I hope politics weren't played with Agawam students in the process. Are Granger students paying the price of larger classes and less individual attention?

**Fred Montesi
Concerned Feeding Hills
resident and teacher**

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Having A Problem With A Business? Town's Consumer Protection Can Help

submitted by Louis Tsounis - Western New England College Student

If a consumer has a specific complaint involving a local business, or a private sale, where can he or she find the necessary help to solve their problem?

The answer is simple, says Mr. Reardon, Inspector of Weights & Measures for the Town of Agawam. In all instances, the first step a consumer should take in resolving a problem is to speak with the other party directly (whether business or private party). If the matter cannot be resolved directly, the consumer may report the complaint to a consumer protection office.

The Town of Agawam is fortunate to have such an organization located within the Department of Weights and Measures. There are two conditions under which consumers can access these services. If the consumer lives in the Town of Agawam, or if the business (or private party) is located in the Town of Agawam, then the Agawam office will be able to help.

If neither the buyer nor seller are located in Agawam, then the consumer may notify another organization, such as the Springfield Action Commission.

For those seeking help from the Agawam Office, the first step in the resolution process is to schedule a meeting with Mr. Reardon to discuss the complaint. Second, a formal written complaint must be drawn up by the consumer describing the specific details of the complaint. The consumer should also submit copies of documents pertaining to the transaction, such as contracts, receipts, cancelled checks, and the like.

Once a formal complaint has been received, Mr. Reardon can start the process by speaking directly with the business or private party in question. His first effort in resolving the conflict will be in

the direction of reaching a compromise between the two parties.

Mr. Reardon states that parties often get so agitated during a conflict that they stop listening to one another. He states that offers which end up resolving a conflict are often times the same offers that have been proposed before his involvement.

If an agreeable solution and/or compromise cannot be reached, the party issuing the complaint may be directed to an appropriate agency. For issues needing enforcement of consumer law (other than weights & measures law), the party issuing the complaint may be directed to the Attorney General's Office in Springfield, or the Executive Office of Consumer Affairs in Boston. For issues that do not appear to violate law, the parties may seek help from an attorney, a local mediation organization, or the Small Claims Court system.

It should be noted, violations of Weights & Measures law are usually recognized as consumer protection issues, and are subject to law enforcement. Problems with the sale of firewood, purchasing contaminated gasoline, incorrect or misleading pricing information at retail, the delivery of short weight or measure, or the use of inaccurate, not sealed, defective, inappropriate, or unsafe weighing and measuring devices fall in this category.

Over the next few months, articles will appear in this newspaper discussing various consumer/weights and measures issues. The Agawam Weights/Measures Department & Consumer Office hopes to provide information to consumers that are both interesting and useful in daily life.

Parthenon Restaurant Donates \$100 To Town

The Town Hall will be brighter this Christmas season thanks to Leonidas Pananas, the owner of the Parthenon Restaurant, who donated \$100 to Council Vice President George Bitzas and members of the Beautification Committee.

"When I mentioned to him that I was interested in raising money from local businesses so we could decorate Town Hall, he asked how much was needed and donated the whole amount," Bitzas said.

"The \$100 donation has enabled us to purchase 2,500 lights and Mitch's Garden has donated two large wreaths," Bitzas said. Boglish Nurseries will again donate a large Christmas tree to place in front of Town Hall.

"Agawam will have the Christmas spirit and this will be a morale booster for the people who live in town and the people who work in the Town Hall. Mayor Johnson said that the Department of Public Works will have the lights up this week. The wreaths will also be placed on the front door of the Town Hall.

LETTERS - from Page 6...

Phelps School Teacher Gets Kudos From Parent

To The Editor:

I'd like to take the opportunity to thank another wonderful, dedicated, and supportive teacher, Mrs. Sue Dukeshire.

Mrs. "D" is the grade three DLC teacher at Phelps School. She has been instrumental in providing my son, Douglas, with many tools necessary and conducive to him being able to learn at a speed and level we knew he was capable of doing so.

I may not say it enough, but I'm always thinking how grateful Douglas is to live in Agawam and be a part of the Special Ed. Program.

An Appreciative Parent
Debra Curtis

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF AGAWAM BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing at the Agawam Middle School Cafeteria, 68 Main Street, Agawam, on THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1994 at 7:05 P.M. o'clock, for all parties interested in the appeal of BARBARA A. CUMMINGS, who is seeking a Special Permit in accordance with Sections 180-69 (D) and 180-2 (B) of the Zoning Ordinances, which would allow for the substantial improvement of a building in an area of Town which has been found to lie within the Flood Plain at the premises identified as 270 LEONARD STREET.

By order of the Board of Appeals,
Raymond Gendron
Acting Chairman

Published: December 1, 1994

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CHARTER REVISION - from Page 1...

Ms. Thompson said the proposed committee members were all individuals who have been concerned with charter revision for many years. She expects to reintroduce the resolution as soon as a replacement could be named to the committee slot left vacant by the death of Charest.

Revisions to the town's charter can be made through a special act of the legislature or by one of two routes under the home rule charter methods - amendment or revision.

In order to make changes to the town's charter under the amendment procedure, the changes would have to be approved by the Mayor, a two-thirds vote of Town Council, and the State Attorney General before being placed on the ballot for the voters' consideration.

The revision process requires a ballot question asking whether a commission should be elected to revise the charter; then the election of that commission; and finally, local voter approval for the commission's recommendations.

Ms. Thompson said she was proposing the amendment method because the revision method could take up to three years while the amendment method could have charter revision on the ballot for the November 1995 election.

"Final Say Is With The Voters..."

"The final say is with the voters, not just a few councilors," Ms. Thompson said.

She said charter review is an issue that has surfaced in every election for the last six years. Ms. Thompson said she was aware of three attempts since 1990 to deal with the issue that have been blocked by Town Council.

In a memo sent to the council, Mrs. Dziardziel and Ms. Thompson said they were proposing the charter revision committee because, "There seems to be some consensus among many city residents that our charter needs to be reviewed and possibly updated, either to clarify vague language, or to reform the way our government operates."

Ms. Thompson said the charter is unclear on whether the Mayor or Town Council has the authority to reorganize town departments.

"This is a good faith effort to get this in motion," Thompson said.

Thompson said she favors reducing the number of councilors from 11 to 9, introducing term limits, and possibly lengthening and staggering the terms councilors serve. Currently, all 11 members of the council are up for election every two years.

Ennis said that while he has proposed reducing the number of councilors, he favors an elected commission to revise the charter.

Ennis said the proponents of the amendment procedure don't want an elected commission because they fear the wrong people would get elected.

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Looking Back...

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DECEMBER 4th - MINI-CITIES PROPOSED FOR BONDI'S ISLAND, WESTOVER

Hampden County Register of Deeds John P. Lynch proposed Monday that mini-cities be built on Bondi's Island and Westover Air Force Base, each to support a population of 15,000 residents.

Lynch said he was making the proposal as a private citizen and possible developer of the two sites. The Bondi's Island proposal includes a monorail that would run over the Connecticut River to Baystate West in downtown Springfield.

Lynch said the mini-city would not interfere with the dump or sewage treatment plant. Noting that Congress has appropriated funds for the construction of mini-cities, Lynch said, "This is an idea that may have found its time."

DECEMBER 5th - SEWER FEE SLATED SOON IN AGAWAM

Residents here will be charged a sewer fee once the contract for a new sewage treatment plant on Bondi's Island is signed, Town Manager Westman said.

No estimates are available on the amount of the fee. Billing would most likely be quarterly, beginning in April, Westman indicated.

At dispute, in the contract negotiations, is whether Agawam would retain special privileges granted in a 1939 agreement with the city. According to the 1949 contract, Agawam received treatment of one million gallons of sewage a day in exchange for what Springfield would pay in lieu of taxes. The town's share of construction for the \$56 million sewage treatment plant is approximately \$400,000 to be raised through bonding.

DECEMBER 5th - BANK GETS PLANNERS' OK FOR NEW HEADQUARTERS

The Planning Board Tuesday gave the green light to Farm Credit Banks of Springfield to proceed with new headquarters on Hunt Street. Groundbreaking is set for next spring.

The request for town takeover of Hunt Street will now go to the Town Council for final approval. The banking institutions have agreed to pay all costs of installing utilities and paving the street, provided the council accepts it.

DECEMBER 5th - BOMB EXPLODES ON TURN OF KEY

A bomb wired to a pickup truck exploded Tuesday morning when the owner turned the key, sending flames spewing from under the hood of the truck.

The hood and two front fenders were damaged by the blast, which also ignited the two front tires, according to police. Another car, parked nearby, was slightly damaged.

James Whitney of 123 Beekman Drive, Agawam, owner of the truck, was not injured. Whitney was apparently leaving for work at 7:40 a.m. when the bomb exploded.

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TOWN OF AGAWAM AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Agawam Conservation Commission will meet on Thursday, December 8, 1994 at 6:45 PM in the Faolin Peirce Community Room, at the Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Agawam, MA. The purpose of this meeting will be to hear the Request for Determination of Applicability for Genesis Health Ventures of Agawam, Inc. for property located at 464 Main Street.

Henry A. Kozloski, Chairman

AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Published: December 1, 1994

Take Steps Now To Make Sure Your Vehicle Is Winter Safe!

The worst weather in years left millions of motorists stranded last winter when their vehicles failed to start, the American Automobile Association reports.

During National Car Care Month, AAA urges motorists to consider the main causes of vehicles not starting and what preventive steps they can take.

"Aside from towing, AAA's most common road service calls last year were for vehicles that wouldn't start," said Paul L. Higgs, Manager of Emergency Road Service. "Weak or dead batteries were the chief culprits, but loose or corroded battery connections and loose engine belts also were major factors."

By regularly inspecting for potential starting trouble, motorists can help prevent these problems, he said.

Most important, according to AAA, is to monitor the condition of the vehicle's battery, especially batteries more than two years old, and the terminals and cable connectors.

"Although batteries can carry warranties of years or more, a warranty is no guarantee an older battery will continue to work in severe weather," Higgs said.

The most common sign of a weak battery is an unusual sound coming from the starter motor when the ignition key is turned, indicating difficulty in turning over the engine.

While starting a vehicle is more difficult when the engine is cold and the temperature is low, repeated trouble with starting can mean a problem under the hood.

First, check to make certain battery connections are tight and no corrosion is present on battery terminals. Inspect the tension of all drive belts. They should flex no more than half-an-inch. If the battery's fluid level can be checked, make certain the fluid covers the battery plates.

If no problems are found, it is best to drive to a service station or auto parts store to have the battery tested, and, if necessary, replaced.

In addition to inspecting their vehicles for signs of starting trouble, motorists should have their cars and trucks thoroughly checked by a qualified technician each spring and fall. Needed maintenance and repairs should be performed as soon as possible, Higgs said.

Motorists with vehicles disabled by weak or dead batteries during severe weather should remember that emergency road service providers usually receive more calls during bad weather. Consequently, response times may be longer than usual.

AAA has the largest fleet of contracted emergency road service vehicles in the nation with more than 13,200 businesses operating 36,000 vehicles.

Last year, emergency road service calls to AAA increased to more than 24 million, the highest number in AAA's 92-year history. Approximately 33 percent were from members whose vehicles would not start.

Auto Club of Pioneer Valley is a not-for-profits motor club with offices in West Springfield and Holyoke providing 90,000 members with travel, financial, and auto-related services.

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Agawam Crime Prevention... Discussing "Operation Identification"

by Detective Wayne Macey
Agawam Police Department

"Operation Identification" is one of the most important aspects of the neighborhood crimewatch program. Also known as property marking, it is simply a way of accurately identifying stolen property by way of numbers, letters, or a combination of both etched into stereos, televisions, and other household valuables.

Although it is always advisable to write down serial numbers and put them in a safe place, there are a couple of problems which sometime surface. We will forget where we put the paperwork; or, once the property is stolen, serial numbers are somehow removed.

The following steps can be taken in order to enhance the chances of identifying your property and getting it returned to you in an expeditious manner.

Small electric etching tools are available and usually inexpensive in hardware and department stores. In addition, some local police departments may have a small number of these tools for loan. Numbers, letters, and any combination of the two can be used to make the property specific to the owner.

For example, birth dates, Social Security numbers, initials, and street numbers can be utilized. These numbers should be placed on stereos, televisions, and other property in a place not easily accessible to the would-be thief. When and if the property is recovered, it would be easily identifiable by locating the numbers. This would not only expedite the return process, but it would help in the arrest and conviction of the person responsible for the crime.

Obviously, there are some valuables that cannot be marked for identification in this manner. Fragile items such as Hummels, china, and fine jewelry would be damaged by any such marking and should not be considered for etching.

In these cases, photos of the items should be taken, and any and all markings specific to the pieces should be observed and made note of on some sort of record form. It is not a bad idea to notify insurance companies of this property in order to see if it is insured or a "rider" is needed to properly cover the valuables. A picture is sometimes worth a thousand words and can be most helpful in the identification process.

During the past number of weeks, we have made arrests and executed search warrants resulting in the recovery of many articles of stolen property. In some cases, the legal process has been slowed by an inability to properly match stolen property with the victim.

Should anyone become a victim and lose property to a housebreak or larceny, please fill out the property sheet left with you by the police department. These sheets are invaluable to us and if filled out in enough detail and returned rapidly, the chances of recovering your property are greatly increased.

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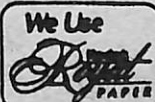
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Melconian Files New Bills For The 1995 Legislative Session

Senator Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield) has announced plans to file, before the December 7th deadline, her new legislative initiatives for 1995.

"My legislative agenda for next year will move forward on many fronts. I will bring bills before the legislature that address many of the issues of utmost concern to Western Massachusetts residents—economic development, crime, welfare, and consumer protection."

The highlights of Senator Melconian's legislative package for 1995 include:

Economic Development

1. Creation of the Paul Revere Partnership, a public/private partnership that will establish five regional centers throughout the state to provide additional sources of capital to Massachusetts businesses and one-stop shopping for business services, industrial extension services, applied research and development projects, and environmental permitting.

Crime

2. A comprehensive crime package that would combat gang violence in and around courthouses; subject juvenile offenders to treatment as adults for certain crimes; and establish curriculum in schools aimed at preventing teen dating violence and sexual assault and implement school-based services and interventions for victims.

Welfare

3. A comprehensive welfare reform package that would return the welfare system to its original mandate: a system of transitional assistance for the truly needy.

Consumer Protection

4. Providing consumers who lease new automobiles with the same protections against defective or damaged vehicles afforded to purchasers of new cars under the state's lemon law.

5. A modified version of the auto insurance reform package introduced by Senator Melconian that passed the Senate earlier this year. The bill contains mandated cost-saving measures for consumers, stringent penalties to curb automobile insurance fraud, and phases in competition.

6. Provides the elderly with adequate safeguards in the purchase of long-term care insurance, including benefits for custodial and at-home care.

"I will be introducing many other bills for the 1995 legislative session which address specific issues brought to my attention by constituents. I look forward to continuing the dialogue on the issues during the coming year," concluded Senator Melconian.

Ag. Town Council December 5th Meeting

1. Citizen's Speak Time
2. Roll Call
3. Moment of Silence and the Pledge of Allegiance
4. Minutes - Regular Council Meeting of 11/21/94
5. Declaration from Council President
6. Presentation of Petitions, Memorials & Remonstrances
- None.
7. Report of Council Committees
8. Elections
- None.
9. Public Hearings
- (a)

1. PH-94-16-(TOR-94-9)-An Ordinance to Amend Paragraph (8) of Subsection C and Subparagraph (a) of Paragraph (9) of Subsection C of Section 49-7 of Chapter 49 of the Code of the Town of Agawam (Recreation and Building Maintenance)(Mayor)(Conduct Public Hearing).

10. Old Business

(a) Orders

1. TOR-94-10-An Ordinance Establishing Section 3-8B of Chapter 3 of the Code of the Town of Agawam Entitled "Recreation Commission." (Mayor)(1st Reading).

2. TOR-94-11-An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 3, Art. III, Subsection 3-4 Entitled "Council on Aging." (Mayor)(1st Reading).

3. TO-94-52-Transfer-\$18,000 from Building Maintenance-Professional & Technical (3900-5300-R350) to Parks & Recreation - Salaries & Wages (3700-5110-R353)(Mayor).

Agawam Republicans To Meet Dec. 3rd

The Agawam Republican Town Committee will hold its regularly scheduled meeting on Saturday, December 3rd, at 8:30 a.m., in the 19th Hole at Oak Ridge Golf Club.

Chris Quatrone, chairman, invites anyone interested in becoming an associate member to attend this meeting.

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FIREFIGHTER RICHARD WELD (left) and Deputy Fire Chief Steve Martin are about to bring food items to the Open Pantry in West Springfield. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Fire Dept. Accepting Food For Open Pantry

The Agawam Fire Department will be accepting non-perishable food items which will be donated to the Open Pantry this holiday season.

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Families

National Competition No Problem For Agawam Dollmaker Janet Cook

by Peggy Shoemaker
Advertiser News Feature Writer

An 18-inch heirloom bride doll named Monique has won "First in Show" or first place in a national doll-making competition for Janet Cook of Hodge Podge Farm, South Street, Agawam.

Lillian, a 22-inch creation Janet calls a "Princess Fantasy," took third place in the same competition. Janet received a framed letter for "First in Show" and a blue ribbon and a yellow ribbon for third place.

Last year, Janet took second place, a yellow ribbon, for her doll, Hilda, a reproduction of a doll manufactured by a German company in the 1880's.

The competition requires that the entrant purchase the porcelain frame of the doll from Create an Heirloom, a doll company from Berlin, Massachusetts said to have 30,000 customers. They sponsor the contest. The entrant must assemble the doll; hair, eyes, lashes, (etc.), design, and make the patterns and clothing. It took Janet seven months to make Monique.

Reproductions Of Actual People

Heirloom bride dolls are reproductions of actual people, Janet said, made for the purpose of preserving a memory. Monique is a duplicate image of a young woman who married a year ago, and turned her wedding attire over to Janet for the purpose.

The skirt is full, floor length net with billowing leg of mutton sleeves that are tight in the forearm. Seed pears and lace adornments were sewn by hand. The headpiece and veil were made from the original. Even the flowers and streamers are exact copies, and the doll is made to look as much as possible like the original.

In Hodge Podge Farm dining room, there is a portrait of a bride, a woman married 31 years ago. Standing on the table next to it are four heirloom bride dolls, about 19 inches high with looks and dress exactly like the portrait. All the clothing and trim was made from the bride's wedding attire of 31 years ago. The woman intends to give these dolls to her four children. "Again, to perpetuate a memory," Janet says. "A happy time in one's life that they want remembered."

The letter from the judges announcing her awards in referring to Monique says in part: "This



THIS BRIDE created by Janet Cook of Agawam won "Best In Show" in a national competition.

is the finest finished doll we have ever seen using this frame. You had the only perfect score in the competition. The bead work is wonderful and the flared skirt is divine. Your doll is just stunning and you should be proud of your outstanding work."

The Princess Fantasy doll, Lillian, wears a floor-length lace gown with satin rose appliques. Her veil is placed across the head and over the shoulders reminiscent of the princess in the film "Aladdin." She has dark hair and eyelashes made

by Janet from human hair. Hilda wears white lace trimmed pantaloons, a bright blue satin and white lace dress with full skirt, and a large brimmed matching hat.

Grandmother's Influence

Janet learned to sew as a child watching her grandmother. Her creativity grew with her skill over the years. She made an heirloom bride doll



ANOTHER OF JANET COOK'S creation won second place in a 1993 competition.

for Wilhelmina Cagney, her mother. "My mindset with the dolls is that something so precious as a wedding cannot be done again, so we try to keep the memory in the form of an heirloom." The dolls are named by Janet after the brides they represent.

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AGAWAM DOLLMAKER JANET COOK of South Street.

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THIS BRIDE WON THIRD PLACE for dollmaker Janet Cook in a competition this year.

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In addition to dolls she creates for people, Janet has 500-600 dolls in her collections. They include clowns (some made, some purchased), historical dolls, including Hilda, teddy bears (that she made and some of them she dressed), and dolls by famous doll-makers such as Annette Funacello and Marie Osmond.

Janet cuts up old fur coats to make animals for children. There are musical dolls, including a clown in white face and silver knickers that sits on a half moon atop a musical box that plays "Bring on the Clowns."

Janet was always a physically active person, she says, working on the farm and with horses until serious illness curtailed her mobility. Her activities were then directed into more creative, sedentary channels, thus the dolls.

She radiates enthusiasm as she speaks of the pleasure she gets from her hobby, and of her collection, she adds, "I wouldn't part with them."

Christmas Ornaments Have Arrived For 1994

The 1994 ornaments are here! This year's ornaments feature the Anne Sullivan Memorial entitled "Water" by Mico Kaufman. The style is very similar to last year's ornament. This ornament is the fourth one in a series.

Ornaments can be purchased for \$5. The proceeds go toward community service projects. They can be purchased at The Corner Deli, Surprise! Card & Gift, Feeding Hills Public Market, and the Agawam Public Market. You could also contact Pam at 789-3274 or Betty at 786-4357 to purchase one.

We do have a limited supply of previous ornaments of the Captain Charles Leonard House, the Agawam Library on Main Street (which now houses the Head Start program), and the Middle School. Please call Betty at 786-4357 if you're interested in purchasing one of those.

The Agawam Junior Women's Club is a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs and the General Federation of Women's Clubs of Massachusetts.

Fitness First And P.T.S.O. To Hold Drive For Open Pantry

Fitness First has made arrangements with Agawam High School's P.T.S.O. to have the next two weeks at Fitness First on Saturday nights for the students of the Agawam High School to be paid with canned foods.

The students are asked to bring food worth three dollars with their school I.D.

The Saturday night program will be closed December 17th, 24th, and 31st. It will reopen on January 6th, 1995.

ADVERTISER NEWS

Curran Family Slates Holiday Service Of Remembrance In Dec.

The holiday season is a time for remembering and a time for recapturing the joys of our fondest memories. Inspired by our own recollections of Christmas, we reflect upon age-old messages of love, hope, and peace.

We at Curran-Jones know this may be a very difficult time for families who are spending their holidays without the presence of a loved one. With this in mind, Richard J. Curran and Joseph D. Curran, owners and operators of the Curran-Jones Funeral Homes of West Springfield and Agawam, and The Edward F. Day Funeral Home of Holyoke, announce their "Holiday Service of Remembrance."

They, along with their staff, have organized a Remembrance Tree and Service to be held at the Curran-Jones Funeral Home located at 109 Main Street in West Springfield on Saturday, December 10th, at 2:00 p.m.

Following with tradition, the Curran family has made a donation to Brightside in memory of all we have serviced. Our commitment to Brightside and belief that children are the bright side of Christmas, has inspired us to remember you and your loved ones at this special time of year. All that respond to the Currans' invitation will receive a personalized Brightside Angel.

A short memorial service will be conducted by local clergymen as well as the Lighting of our Christmas Wreath. Once again, Priscilla Hindmarsh, a bereavement facilitator for the local area, will be sharing her comments. We hope her words will help you to find the love, hope, peace, and serenity of Christmas that will live forever—not only in presence, but in spirit.

The Curran family and staff are very proud of their "Holiday Service of Remembrance" and hope you will join us for this special ceremony.

Professional Secretaries International Is Selling "Entertainment Book"

The Springfield Chapter, Professional Secretaries International, is raising funds by selling the "Entertainment Book."

Each book contains hundreds of "two-for-one" discounts for fine dining, family dining, fast food, movies, sports activities, special attractions, and hotels... 50 percent savings on almost everything!

The "Entertainment Book" is now being sold by the Springfield Chapter of Professional Secretaries International for \$30. To order your "Entertainment Book," contact Kelly Higgins of Professional Secretaries International at (413) 744-8591.

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ASHLEY MARIE BOYLE of Feeding Hills was recently cast in a major motion picture being filmed in Deerfield.

Ashley Marie Boyle Cast In Motion Picture

Ashley Marie Boyle of Feeding Hills was recently cast in the major motion picture *Little Women* starring Winona Ryder and Susan Sarandon.

The scene Ashley is part of was shot last week in Deerfield, MA. It consists of the era when soldiers came home from war.

Ashley is a professional model with Dynasty International and a local model for High Performance. Her parents are Curt and Lori (Andruss) Boyle.

Friends Of Senior Ctr. Schedule Annual Mtg.

The Friends of the Agawam Senior Center will hold its annual meeting on Friday, December 9th, at 1:00 p.m. at the Agawam Senior Center.

As determined by the bylaws, the directors of "Friends" shall be elected at the annual meeting for a term of one year to start on January 1st and to end on December 31st.

Members of "Friends" are urged to attend.



MR. & MRS. PETER M. COLFER

Melissa L. Martin Bride Of Mr. Colfer

On Saturday, November 5th, Melissa L. Martin and Peter M. Colfer were united in marriage at the Agawam Congregational Church during a candlelight ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Philip P. Martin of Agawam.

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Colfer of Bath, Maine are parents of the groom. Robert Colfer also served as his son's best man.

Attending her sister as maid-of-honor was Megan L. Martin.

Immediately following the ceremony, a reception was held at the Delaney House, Holyoke.

Melissa graduated from Agawam High School and the University of Maine and is now attending the Hartt School of Music, University of Hartford. She is pursuing a master's degree in bassoon performance.

The groom graduated from Morse High School, Bath, Maine and is employed by Robert Baker Companies, West Suffield, Connecticut.

After a honeymoon trip to Vermont, the couple will reside in Southwick.

Yuletide At Storowton Dec. 3rd & 4th

Storowton Village Museum will kick off its free winter holiday festival, "Yuletide at Storowton," with its popular annual "Winter Gift Wrapping Parade," December 3rd and 4th at 11:30 a.m.

Adults and children alike may wrap themselves in their favorite holiday decorations, participate in a parade, and compete for prizes. The parade begins in front of the Meeting House at 11:30 a.m. both days and there will be prizes for the best "Wrappings" in three categories: Youth, Adult, and Family. All participants will receive a treat for entering.

"Yuletide at Storowton" takes place December 3rd and 4th from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Storowton Village Museum on the grounds of Eastern States Exposition. The event is free and open to the public.

Area garden clubs donate their time, expertise and natural materials to decorate the 19th century buildings. The event also features storytelling, musical performances, craft demonstrations, a petting zoo, a live pony go-round, ice-sculpting demonstrations, and a visit with Santa. Holiday wreaths, trees, gifts, and other goodies will also be for sale.

The Holiday Treat Shoppe and the Storowton Village Gift Shop will be open for holiday shopping during the Yuletide event and the Storowton Village Gift Shop will remain open Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Saturday, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. through December 24th. Volunteers will be wrapping gifts to benefit The Pioneer Valley Hospice throughout the Yuletide event.

The beautifully decorated Village will also be open for Holiday House Tours December 5th-9th from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

For more information, call Storowton Village at (413) 787-0136.

Senior Center Calendar Of Events

Friday, December 2nd: 9:00 a.m. Free diabetic screening. No appointment needed; 9:15 a.m. Free hearing check, courtesy of Weldon Center. For appointment, call 748-6840; 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. "Watercolor" workshop.

Saturday, December 3rd: Bingo. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

Monday, December 5th: 1:00 p.m. Bingo.

Tuesday, December 6th: 9:00 a.m. SHINE (Serving Health Information Needs of Elders). Representative available; 11:30 a.m. Birthday and Anniversary Recognition (reservations are necessary; 1:00 p.m. Free blood pressure check. No appointment necessary.

Wednesday, December 7th: 9:00 a.m. Podiatry with Dr. Haynes. For appointment, call 786-7522; No Chapter Two Golden Age meeting this day.

Thursday, December 8th: 9:00 a.m. Podiatry with Dr. Salem. For appointment, call 737-2360.

Friday, December 9th: 1:00 p.m. "Friends" Annual Membership Meeting. All members are invited. If you are not a member, applications will be available.

Saturday, December 10th: Bingo. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

Monday, December 12th: 1:00 p.m. Bingo.

Tuesday, December 13th: 12:30 program. "Patriotic Songs ... A Musical Treat!"

Wednesday, December 14th: No Chapter One meeting on this day.

Thursday, December 15th: 10:00 a.m. ASGA (Agawam Senior Games Athletes) meeting. All interested athletes 55 and over are cordially invited to attend.

Saturday, December 17th: Bingo. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 20th: 9:00 a.m. SHINE representative to help you; 1:00 p.m. Free blood pressure check. No appointment needed.

Wednesday, December 21st: 1:30 p.m. Golden Age Chapter Two meeting.

Thursday, December 22nd: 12:30 p.m. A special Christmas Dinner will be served, plus entertainment. Reservations now open.

Friday, December 23rd: 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. A special holiday brunch will be served. Reservations now open. The Senior Center will close at 12:00 noon.

Monday, December 26th: The Senior Center will be closed.

Tuesday, December 27th: 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Free legal consultation with Attorney Teryl Deegan. For an appointment, call 789-2928.

Wednesday, December 28th: 1:30 p.m. Chapter One Golden Age meeting.

Saturday, December 31st: 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Gala New Year's Eve special dinner will be served (tickets must be purchased in advance). \$20 per person. Entertainment included.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS CELEBRATED

Congratulations to Jim White, Frank Gatti, Sam Provo, and Evelyn Casavant. A special salute to Evelyn, who celebrated her 96th birthday!

Birthdays and anniversaries are celebrated on the first Tuesday of each month.

SERVICES AT THE SENIOR CENTER

Special notice on services at the Agawam Senior Center is as follows. (As of December 1st, all appointments for the following services MUST be made by the individual using them.)

- * Dr. Salem, Podiatrist: 737-2360.
- * Dr. M. Haynes, Podiatrist: 786-7522.
- * Mercy Hospital Hearing Van: 748-6840.
- * Foot Care Nurses: "DOT" 567-1023 (after 4:00 p.m.).

* Attorney Teryl Deegan: 789-2928.

SPECIAL 12:30 PROGRAM PLANNED

On Tuesday, December 13th, "Patriotic Songs ... A Musical Treat!" will be presented by Mr. Ed Allard.

Who is Ed Allard? A man of "retirement experience" and an advocate of singing and speaking, which he will be doing on Tuesday, December 13th.

As a well-versed amateur "storyteller," Ed will stir your patriotic emotions with his knowledge of some interesting "little-known" facts about patriotic songs.

Save some time in your busy schedule to come and meet this very interesting man on December 13th at 12:30 p.m. at the Agawam Senior Center.

NEW YEAR'S EVE DINNER & ENTERTAINMENT

Reservations are open and tickets are now available for a party! "New Year's Eve Dinner With Betty" ... Betty Couture, our popular Senior Center chef, is doing the honors this year by putting on a dinner "fit for a king" to be held at the Agawam Senior Center.

You will have a choice of menu as follows: garden salad, baked stuffed chicken breast, gravy, or baked stuffed scrod, butternut squash, baked potato, cranberry sauce, rolls, butter, coffee or tea, and an OPEN DESSERT TABLE. (The scrod will be served with baby Belgium carrots in lieu of butternut squash.)

The dining room will open at 6:00 p.m., and dinner will be served starting at 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The cost is \$20 per person, and reservations are very limited. Don't be disappointed, reserve ASAP!

Food for thought: it will be your choice to have dinner first, then enjoy all the festivities of First Night ... or enjoy some of the festivities, stop by for dinner, then top the evening off with a horse and buggy ride.

Tickets for dinner are available through the Activities Department.

"EVITA" UPDATE - CHANGE OF TIME

The musical "Evita," that was published the week of October 24th as an evening performance, has been changed to a MATINEE on Saturday, February 4th, at 2:00 p.m.

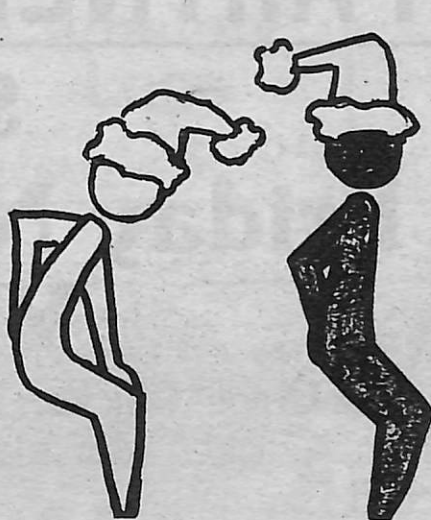
Dinner is tentatively scheduled for "Spaghetti Freddie's" and on your own.

With music by Andrew Lloyd Webber and lyrics by Tim Rice, "Evita" is being directed and choreographed by Ken Urmston. The winner of seven Tony Awards (including Best Musical), this international hit takes you to Argentina and brings you into the life of Eva Peron, the second wife of Argentine dictator Juan Peron.

The price of the show is \$27.50. For more information, call 786-0400, extension 242.

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West Sider Tappers Visit Heritage Hall



MEMBERS OF THE POPULAR WEST SIDE TAPPERS paid a visit to Heritage Hall Nursing Home (West Building) on November 17th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

E.B.'s Restaurant To Co-Sponsor Benefit For Easter Seals

Nationally-known Elvis impersonator, Ray Guillemette, Jr., A-Ray of Elvis, will be performing two shows on Monday, December 5th, at 5:30 and 7:45 p.m. at E.B.'s Restaurant, 385 Walnut Street Extension in Agawam, to benefit Easter Seals programs and services for people with disabilities.

Both shows are being sponsored by E.B.'s Restaurant and WWLP-TV22.

Tickets are priced at \$22 per person (includes a full buffet). A cash bar will also be available.

Reservations are required and may be obtained by calling E.B.'s Restaurant in Agawam at (413) 789-3525.

Join us on Monday, December 5th, for an evening of good food, great music, and fun galore, and help Easter Seals empower people with disabilities.

Dominic DiTomaso On Duty In Hawaii

Army Spec. Dominic C. DiTomaso has arrived for duty at Schofield Barracks, Oahu, Hawaii.

DiTomaso, a military security specialist, is the son of Dominic P. and Alice L. DiTomaso of 21 Hendom Drive, Feeding Hills.

He is a 1987 graduate of Agawam High School.

AHS Class Of 1989 To Hold 5-Year Reunion

The five-year reunion for the Agawam High School class of 1989 will be held on Saturday, January 14th, at Tekoa Country Club in Westfield.

There will be a cocktail hour beginning at 6:30 p.m., followed by dinner. The choices for dinner include prime rib, baked stuffed breast of capon, and baked stuffed shrimp.

Live entertainment will be provided by "Breezin'," one of the area's most popular bands.

The cost of the reunion is \$25 per person. Watch for your invitation in the mail; see you there!

West Side/Agawam Elks To Hold Memorial Service

The West Springfield-Agawam Lodge of Elks No. 2174 and the Emblem Club No. 526 will hold their annual Memorial Service on December 4th at 1:00 p.m.

The service will be held at the Elks facility at 429 Morgan Road, West Springfield.

Memorial services are held annually on the first Sunday of December throughout Elksdom.

An invitation is extended to anyone wishing to attend.



FLUTE PLAYER Megan Kartwright and organist Carolyn Holstein will be the guest artists at the Captain Charles Leonard House on Sunday, December 4th.

Flute Player, Organist Guest Artists At Leonard House

The Trustees of the Captain Charles Leonard House will be conducting a Christmas Open House on Sunday, December 4th, from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m., at the town's most historic home located on Main Street, Agawam Center.

Besides enjoying good holiday cheer and viewing the beautiful holiday decorations at the Leonard House, flutist Megan Kartwright and organist Carolyn Holstein will be the guest artists at the Christmas Open House.

Megan Kartwright is an undergraduate flute major at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst. In high school she studied with flutists Anne Weaver and Susan Keerian. She attended Indiana University where she specialized in early baroque music.

Currently, she is studying with Joanne Tanner of the UMass music department.

Carolyn Holstein is the organist at the Unitarian Society in Amherst. She is a research fellow in psychology at UMass and is a member of the Amherst Select Board.

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AAA Offers Holiday Travel Tips For Kids Flying Alone

The first time a child flies alone can generate excitement for the youngster, but anxious moments for mom or dad ... unless everyone knows how to prepare and what to expect, says AAA Travel Agency.

A colorful new AAA brochure, "Flying Alone: Handy Advice For Kids Traveling Solo," offers facts to help grown-ups relax while preparing their junior jet-setters for an exciting adventure.

"The brochure takes a lighthearted look at an important topic—helping parents prepare children for that first solo airplane trip," said Candace Rachmaciej, Marketing Manager of the AAA Travel Agency. "Flying Alone" offers suggestions on making reservations, packing, dressing, and other items to parents of young travelers."

Parents will find it reassuring to know, for example, that the airlines will care for the child even if the flight is routed because of unforeseen circumstances, such as bad weather.

The travel agent or airline should be informed in advance that the ticket holder will be an unaccompanied minor. This is also the time to discuss special needs, such as a kid's meal or wheelchair.

The brochure suggests youngsters bring a carry-on bag or jacket with big pockets to hold the ticket, snacks, books, and quiet games. Layers of comfortable clothing are also recommended to accommodate different cabin temperatures.

In addition to providing travel tips for youngsters, "Flying Alone" has advice for teenagers, including not leaving the airport in search of food or lodging if the flight is delayed. The airline will make these arrangements.

AAA's more than 950 travel agencies are open to the public and offer personalized travel arrangements anywhere in the world, including cruises, group and individual tours, air and rail tickets, and hotel and rental car packages. Your local AAA Travel Agency has offices in West Springfield and Holyoke.

Write AAA Travel for a free brochure on more advice for kids traveling alone. Send a self-addressed, stamped, business-size envelope to: AAA Travel Agency, "Flying Alone Brochure," 150 Capital Drive, West Springfield, MA 01089-1351.

Ag. Senior Center's Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, December 5th: Baked chicken leg, sweet potatoes, spinach, oatmeal bread, banana.

Tuesday, December 6th: Birthdays and Anniversaries—Apple juice, shepherd's pie, carrot coins, pumpernickel bread, lemon pudding cake.

Wednesday, December 7th: Liver & onions, potatoes au-gratin, tossed salad, whole wheat bread, mixed fruit.

Thursday, December 8th: Chicken & noodle casserole, mixed vegetables, pumpernickel bread, pineapple tidbits.

Friday, December 9th: Baked fish, rice pilaf, cabbage & carrots, rye bread, chocolate pudding with whipped topping.

(Menu subject to change without notice.)

Professional Secretaries International To Meet In Holyoke Dec. 14th

The Springfield Chapter, Professional Secretaries International will hold their next monthly meeting on Wednesday, December 14th, at the Holiday Inn in Holyoke.

A networking session will begin at 5:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 6:00 p.m. Musical entertainment will be provided by "Sing-2."

Area secretaries interested in attending the holiday dinner or becoming affiliated with the Springfield Chapter of PSI, are invited to call for information to Kelly Higgins, (413) 744-8591.

Agawam Junior Women's Club Again Collecting Food & Toys For The Holidays

The Agawam Junior Women's Club, once again, is collecting food and toys for Christmas Holiday Baskets.

This year, the Club needs to fill 52 baskets which will be delivered to Feeding Hills and Agawam residents in need, including some of our elderly.

The Club is looking to fill each basket with enough food to feed a family of four for a week. The following items are needed:

Canned vegetables, cereal, onions, pumpkin pie filling, food in jars, cake mixes, apples, stuffing mix, pasta, potatoes, cranberry sauce.

These items may be left at the following drop-off places:

Fitness First, George & Green, Granger School office, Five Star Transportation, The Deli on Main Street, Town Hall.

If you wish to make a perishable donation of a

10-pound turkey or three-pound ham, please call Joyce at 786-3327.

For the Christmas baskets, toys for the children are often included. If you wish to donate a toy, you may leave it in the same drop-off box at one of the places listed above for food.

Also, every year, the Club looks for caring individuals to sponsor a child (or children) of one of these needy families. Sponsors are asked to purchase one item of clothing for that child (or children) which is wrapped and added to that family's holiday basket. To sponsor a child, call Eileen at 789-2818.

The Agawam Junior Women's Club is an equal opportunity volunteer organization and a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs and the General Federation of Women's Clubs of Massachusetts.

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"Pancake Breakfast With Santa" Slated For This Sunday, Dec. 4th

Start your holiday season with some good, old-fashioned family fun! Bring your children and come visit Santa and Mrs. Claus at the annual "Pancake Breakfast with Santa & Mrs. Claus."

The breakfast will be held Sunday, December 4th, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., at the Agawam Middle School on Main Street, and is sponsored by the Agawam Junior Women's Club.

Santa, Mrs. Claus, and an Elf will all be available for visits. Each child will receive a candy cane and Santa coloring page. Children can bring letters to Santa to put in Santa's Mailbox; those including a return address will receive a reply from Santa in the mail. Photos with Santa will be available for only \$2 each.

Tickets for the breakfast are \$3.50 for adults and \$2.50 for children under 12, and are available from any club member or by calling Ann at 786-1675 or Stephanie at 786-4578. Tickets will also be available at the door.

The menu includes pancakes, sausage, orange juice, milk, and coffee. Come and bring the whole family for some good holiday fun.

Proceeds from this event will benefit the club's community projects and donations. Canned goods will also be collected for Holiday Baskets for needy Agawam families.

The Agawam Junior Women's Club is a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, and the General Federation of Women's Clubs of Massachusetts.

Fire Wise

by Fire Chief David Pisano

In A Fire, Seconds Count!

"It started out as a small fire. I was too embarrassed to call the fire department."

Each year, many fires that start out small end up causing hundreds of thousands of dollars in damages because someone was afraid or too embarrassed to call the fire department. During the early stages of a fire, your actions play a crucial role in the safety of your family and the amount of damage that occurs.

Upon discovering a fire, you should sound an alarm, let the other people in the area know that there's the potential for danger, and that they should evacuate. Call the fire department at 911, even if the fire is small.

For every minute a fire burns, it doubles in size. Small fires can grow quickly. Only after the first two steps have been completed, should you try to extinguish small fires.

The Agawam Fire Department is here to help you! Don't be afraid to call if we can help in any way, because, in a fire, seconds count!

For additional information, contact the Agawam Fire Department at 786-2662.

AHS Class Of 1959 Gathers For 35th



AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL 1959 classmates who traveled the furthest to attend the 35-year reunion at Storowton Carriage House on Saturday, November 26th, included, from left - Raymond Ferrero (Las Vegas), Tony Klenakis (Fallon, Nevada), Carol Ledger (Tucson, Arizona), Betty Morassi Conroy (Knoxville, Tenn.), Madelaine Boissenault Haselhoff (Las Vegas), Robert Phillips (Maine), and Dick Ewell (Pennsylvania). Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL CLASS of 1959 Reunion Committee members, (front row) from left - Nancy Crean Modzelewski, Renee Benjamin Jury, Charlotte Beaulieu Venturini, Sandra Mercier Magistrie, and Elaine DuMont McCarthy. Front row - Walter McCarthy, Anthony DiCeela, James Reynolds, and Richard Morassi. RELATED PHOTO ON NEXT PAGE. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Maternal grandparents are Karl & Barbara Goehlt of Agawam. Paternal grandparents are Edward & Eleanor Stepanik of Feeding Hills. Great-grandparents are Roman & Rose Jurczak of Ware.

Genealogical Society To Meet Dec. 7th

Meetings of the Western Massachusetts Genealogical Society are held on the first Wednesday of the month.

The December meeting will be on December 7th at 7:00 p.m. at the Quadrangle in Blake House, adjacent to the Connecticut Valley Historical Museum. From 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., members may pursue their genealogical research at the Museum, prior to the meeting.

Al Roy, president, promises a surprise program for this pre-Christmas meeting and there will be refreshments.

For further information, please call 534-7406 or 567-6566. Newcomers are always welcome.

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TOWN OF AGAWAM BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing at the Agawam Middle School Cafeteria, 68 Main St., Agawam, on THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1994 at 6:45 P.M. o'clock, for all parties interested in the appeal of BARBARA A. CUMMINGS, who is seeking a Special Permit in accordance with Section 180-7 (B) (2) of the Zoning Ordinances which would allow for the alteration of a building identified as 270 LEONARD STREET.

By order of the Board of Appeals,
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THE AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1959 held its 35-year reunion at Storowton Carriage House on Saturday, November 26th. RELATED PHOTOS ON PREVIOUS PAGE. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Feeding Hills Women's Club To View Slide Show Of Famous European Sites

The December meeting of the Feeding Hills Women's Club will be held on Wednesday evening, December 7th at 7:30 p.m. at the Grange Hall, North West Street, Feeding Hills.

Walter Balboni will show slides of Norway or Rhine River cruise, including Amsterdam and Paris.

Members are reminded to bring items for the annual Christmas Bazaar and the Mitten Tree.

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HERITAGE HALL RESIDENT Jeanne Carnevale met Vice-President Al Gore and presented him a portrait of President Bill Clinton. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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The Jeanne Carnevale Story

Jeanne Carnevale, a 44 year-old resident of Heritage Hall East Nursing and Rehabilitation Center of Agawam, had a dream she thought would never come true. Jeanne, a resident of Heritage Hall for three years, was a very depressed and isolated lady due to being institutionalized at such a young age.

After some time, Jeanne became very involved with the oil painting class offered at the home by Ted Crowley (along with many other activity programs). She soon found a purpose in oil painting; it gave her something to focus on and look forward to.

Jeanne has a great interest in our President, Bill Clinton, and wanted to paint his portrait. While the painting was in the making, people complimented Jeanne on the portrait. When she was asked, “Where will you hang it?”, she had only one answer—“I have a dream to have this portrait reach the White House and Bill Clinton.” Assistant Activity Director Fayne Bagdonas took this on to help make Jeanne’s dream come true.

Fayne Bagdonas spent a year working on Jeanne’s dream. Thanks to an Agawam mother and her son (Kathy and Joe Easton), Fayne made Jeanne’s dream come true. Joe Easton, born and raised in Agawam, understands about making dreams become a reality; he serves in the Clinton-Gore Administration as a political appointee at the U.S. Department of Energy, and also serves on the Vice-President’s Advance Staff. (He has worked for Al Gore in numerous roles since 1988.)

On November 4, 1994, Jeanne’s dream came true when she met Vice-President Al Gore and presented him with her portrait that she painted for President Bill Clinton. Jeanne, Fayne, and Kathy Easton met the Vice-Presidential Advance Staff and members of the United States Secret Service at the Air International Guard Base at Bradley Field.

Jeanne was escorted to United States Air Force II by the Vice-Presidential Advance Staff while the Vice-President stepped off the plane. It was the greatest day of Jeanne Carnevale’s life. Joe Easton took the time to work all this out for Jeanne.

Thank-you, Joe Easton, for making Jeanne’s dream come true!

Santa Claus Will Accept Christmas Letters From Children

Once again, the Agawam Junior Women’s Club is asking all good girls and boys to send their letters to Santa Claus at the North Pole. Make sure you send a stamped, self-addressed envelope along with your letter so that Santa can reply.

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The Agawam Junior Women’s Club is a member of the General Federation of Women’s Clubs and the General Federation of Women’s Clubs of Massachusetts.

United Co-Op Bank Has New Mortgages

United Cooperative Bank announced recently the introduction of two new mortgage loan plans, which enable low to moderate income families to purchase a home with as little as three percent down payment.

United has committed up to \$5 million to these new plans for eligible homeowners. Both plans will be available Monday, November 28th.

The first plan is a fixed rate mortgage with a term up to 30 years. The second plan has a fixed rate for the first five years and becomes a one-year adjustable rate mortgage for the remaining 25 years.

The interest rates available for both plans include loans with and without points.

The prospective homebuyers need not be first-time homebuyers to be eligible. In either case, the property must be owner-occupied.

For more information, contact the Mortgage Department at United Cooperative Bank at 413-787-1700.

Dr. Tami Nelson Still Collecting For Hungry

Just a reminder, that Dr. Tami Nelson and the staff of Hampden County Chiropractic, 850 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, are still collecting for their “Holiday Food Match” to benefit the homeless at the Springfield Rescue Mission until December 15th.

Suggested food items include tuna, soups, peanut butter, dry cereals, coffee, tea, beans, canned meats; toiletries (travel size, if possible); shaving cream, toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo, and soaps.

“We will match what you donate,” said Dr. Nelson. “Our thanks to those of you that have already given to this worthy cause.”

If you have any questions, call 786-4820.

Community Grange Has Business Meeting & Card Party Scheduled In December

Things are quieting down within the Grange Home in December as compared to the rush of November. A card party on day one was hosted by Caroline Almquist and Hannah Binns, who will serve again on a card party scheduled for Thursday, December 15th.

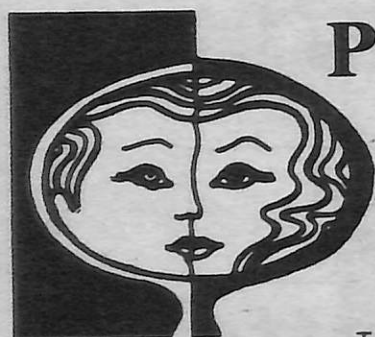
A regular business meeting December 6th will be followed by a program devoted to making homemade ornaments to trim the Christmas tree.

A second meeting, December 20th, will be a

party to entertain children and grandchildren of Grange members and our Junior Grangers. This will start at 7:00 p.m.—please note the change in time.

Before the party, a regular Junior Grange meeting on December 12th will prepare a skit to present at the party. Also, each member is asked to bring a can or package of food to be given to Open Pantry.

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Church News - continued...

Sacred Heart Church Holds Annual Christmas Bazaar



TINA STEVENS (left) and NICOLE FONTAINE were two of the craftspeople at the Annual Christmas Bazaar held November 19th at Sacred Heart Church. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



HELEN CZARNECKI, JEAN NEWMAN, and MELISSA WARNER were selling their crafts at the Sacred Heart Christmas Bazaar on November 19th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Upcoming Events At Ag. United Methodist

The ceremony of Lighting the Advent Candle continues on Sunday, December 4th, as the second Advent Candle is lit during the morning worship.

An Advent workshop will be held from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Persons from the congregation will bake cookies, etc.

Worship on Sunday, December 4th, will be at 9:30 a.m. Sunday School is during worship time.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be administered during worship. Nursery care will be provided.

A song and prayer service will be held at 7:00 p.m.



SANTA CLAUS arrives at Sacred Heart Church in time for the Christmas Bazaar on November 19th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Church News

Valley Community Announces Schedule For Christmas Holiday

Valley Community Church announces its weekly services of Christmas celebration for the month of December:

Sunday, December 4th:

Church service begins at 10:00 a.m. with the lighting of the Advent candle by a family in the congregation.

Sunday School for children also begins at 10:00 a.m.

Saturday, December 10th:

Monthly church supper featuring baked chicken with all the fixin's. Continuous seating from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 11th:

Church service begins at 10:00 a.m. with the lighting of the Advent candle by a family in the congregation.

Sunday School for children also begins at 10:00 a.m.

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Sunday, December 18th:

The excitement of the forthcoming birth of Christ continues. Church service begins at 10:00 a.m. with the lighting of the Advent candle by a family in the congregation.

Sunday School for children also begins at 10:00 a.m.

Saturday, December 24th:

The traditional candlelight service begins at 11:00 p.m. Come and — "REJOICE, for there is born to you this day in the city of David, a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

Sunday, December 25th:

The Christmas Day service begins at 10:00 a.m. Join us in the celebration of the birth of Christ. Put aside the frantic shopping and holiday baking to renew your faith in the true meaning of Christmas.

The doors of Valley Community Church are open to everyone. We are located "high on a hilltop" at 152 South Westfield St.



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB members are pictured at the Annual Communion Supper on November 14th. The group heard from Sister Elizabeth Oleksak, administrator of Genesis Spiritual Life Center in Westfield. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Catholic Women's Club Holds Communion Supper

The annual Communion Supper of the Catholic Women's Club of Agawam was held on Monday evening, November 14th, in the Parish Center of St. John the Evangelist Church, Mass, celebrated by Rev. Howard McCormack, Administrator, preceded the dinner.

Sr. Elizabeth Oleksak, administrator of Genesis Spiritual Life Center in Westfield, spoke to the 130 members and guests present on religious life to-

day and the reality of environmental issues.

She also spoke about Genesis Spiritual Life Center and the variety of programs offered there, including days of prayer, spiritual counseling or direction, as well as programs on stress reduction and "clutter" workshops. These programs are open to people of all faiths.

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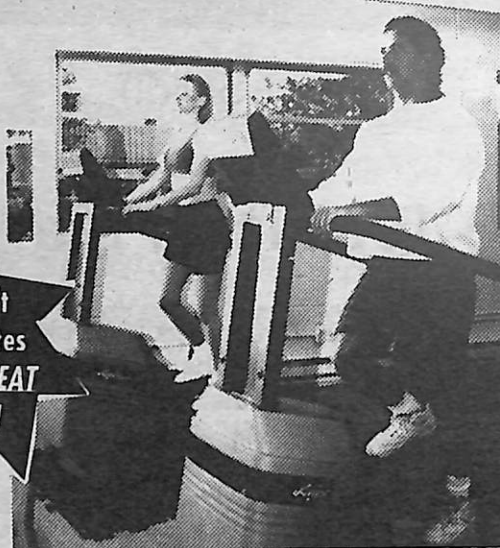
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Church News - continued...**Christmas Bazaar At St. John's Church Set For Dec. 3rd**

On December 3rd, the Parish Center of St. John the Evangelist Church, 833 Main Street, Agawam will be transformed into a "Winter Wonderland" for the annual Christmas Bazaar, which runs from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The bazaar has gained the reputation of being one of the best in the area, and the members of the Catholic Women's Club, in conjunction with St. John's Guild, use all their expertise to maintain that reputation, making it a wonderful experience for all who come.

As you enter the "Winter Wonderland," you are assailed by the tempting aroma of fresh, home-baked foods. Knowing that "he who hesitates is lost," Bake Booth chairwoman Gloria Colby will hold your purchase until you are through shopping.

A group of women, and two men who prefer to remain anonymous, have been knitting under the expert supervision of Barbara Gingras for months, turning out hats, mittens, scarves, and sweaters for all ages, for your Christmas giving. An eagerly sought-after handknit afghan will be raffled.

The Needle and Thread Booth, chaired by Lil Doyle, will have a tremendous display of handmade pillows, pot holders, aprons, afghans, and other handmade items. The Guild Booth will feature handmade pinecone wreaths and many other Christmas ornaments and gifts.

If you have a sweet tooth, Alice Pietroniro, Jane Trevethon, and their candy makers have what you are looking for: a variety of homemade fudge, chocolate lollipops, hard candy, popcorn balls, and many other goodies. Right about now, you should be ready to visit the Snack Bar, chaired by Mary Turner, where coffee and doughnuts will be served from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. Sandwiches, hot dogs, and desserts will be served from 11:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Or just drop in for coffee!

There will be free gift wrapping for the children again this year. Linda Bryskiewicz, Judy Clow, and Kathy Schafer use their talents to make all their gifts look professionally done. Carol Beele will have religious articles for your gift buying.

Linda McCormick and Peg Shoemaker's Book Booth features good used books, fiction, non-



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB MEMBERS who are organizing the Saturday, December 3rd Christmas Bazaar at St. John's Church. From left - Betsey Ciempa, co-chairwoman; Sister Elizabeth Oleksak; Sheryl Mardeusz, co-chairwoman; Beverly Beaudreau, Catholic Women's Club president. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

fiction, romance, books for children, and much more. If you are looking for a special treasure, visit our Attic Treasure Booth. Knowing that "one person's junk is another person's treasure," Minnie Moran and Rose Dean have been diligently cleaning and polishing to be ready for the big day.

And be sure to stop by our new and used Jewelry Boutique, where Jackie Morgan, Claire Kaczmarczyk, and their associates will be happy to show their pieces to you. Some of them are truly exquisite. Mickey Adelman has spent countless hours fixing and making jewelry for you.

As you wend your way through our wonderland, you can see the magic of Christmas in the eyes of the young and young-at-heart surrounding Angela Beaudry's New and Used Game and Toy Booth, which also features used sports equipment.

A plant from Judy Shrader's booth will add a festive touch to your holiday. She will have Christmas cactus, pointsettias, artificial arrangements, and cemetery logs. Kay Capitanio,

Mickey Morin, and their merry elves continue to amaze us with their creativity every year, and they have done it again this year with their handmade decorations, door hangings, centerpieces, and yes, they will have those full, live wreaths again for you.

If you are feeling lucky, Bea Hamel, Alwyn Shepard, or Fran Dugan want you to take a chance on their Bountiful Basket and Holiday Cheer; Lorraine Maniscalchi and Charlene Moretti will sell you a chance to win \$500, \$200, or \$100; and most of the booths will have special raffles.

Last, but not least, co-chairwomen Mickey Adelman, Jennie Christopher, and Paula Raiche want to thank Walter Milewski, who makes and donates a handsome clock. Rita Moore is in charge of this raffle.

President and honorary chairwoman Beverly Beaudreau invites you to come and enjoy. There is no admission charge. Santa will be there from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. to visit with the children.

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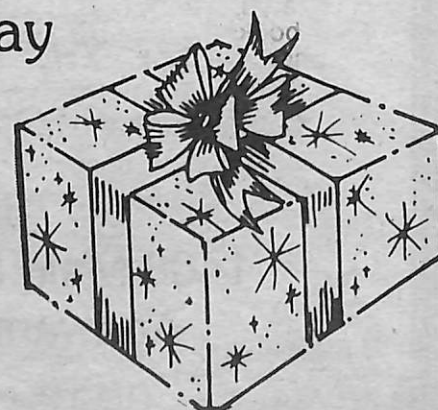
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Church News - continued...**Weekly Calendar From Ag. Congregational**

This Sunday, December 4th, is the Second Sunday of Advent and Communion Sunday.

Rev. Eric Bascom, former Pastor of Faith Congregational Church of Springfield, will be our Guest Preacher at the 10:30 a.m. Worship Service.

Midweek Service continues Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m.

Returnable Bottle Drive—December 4th through 10th, sponsored by the Jr. High Youth Group. A large bin will be located in the church parking lot during the week for the bottles.

On Saturday, December 10th, the Jr. High youth will be in front of Dave's Soda & Pet Food City collecting bottles from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. This drive is to benefit the Open Pantry of Agawam/West Springfield.

On Sunday, December 4th, at 4:00 p.m., celebrate the music of Christmas with a service of piano and organ music, "The Music of Christmas," performed by Bryan Kirby, organist/choir director of the Agawam Congregational Church.

An offering will be collected to benefit the church choral program. Refreshments will be served.

The Jr. High Youth are meeting this Saturday, December 3rd, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. We are going to Shriners.

The 3-2-1-K group (for all kindergarteners through third graders) will celebrate Advent with a meal, games, and cookies this Saturday, December 3rd, from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m.

Friends are welcome.

The Club 45 group will meet at the church Friday, December 9th, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. (Be prepared for laser tag.)

Everyone in fourth and fifth grade and their friends are welcome!

The next New Member Class begins Wednesday, December 14th, at 7:35 p.m. Anyone wishing to join the church may attend.

There will be three Christmas Eve services held Saturday evening, December 24th, to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

A Christmas Pageant (with the children and youth) at 5:00 p.m.; a Carol & Candle Service at 7:00 p.m.; and the traditional Candlelighting Service at 11:00 p.m.

On Sunday, Christmas Day, the Worship Service is at 10:30 a.m.

Open Pantry To Hold Kids' Christmas Party

The West Springfield/Agawam Open Pantry will be holding its annual Children's Christmas Party on Saturday, December 10th at the First United Methodist Church in West Springfield.

Last year, Open Pantry fed and entertained over 300 children from our community who otherwise might not have been able to enjoy the holiday, and we are anticipating at least that number will attend this year.

Highlights of the party include the appearances of Mr. & Mrs. Santa Claus and Peppermint Patty, a brief talk by a member of the clergy, singing of Christmas carols, face painting, balloons, and lunch.

Each child receives a bag which includes a large gift, a small gift, a stuffed animal, mittens, a hat, and some stocking items. If you would like to help by donating Christmas gifts for the children, the following is a list of suggestions:

Baby dolls, Barbie dolls, trolls, cars & trucks (Matchbox, Tonka, etc.), stuffed animals (mid-sized), infant & toddler gifts, balls of all kinds, watches (boys' and girls'), books, stocking items, games & cards, hair items (bows, barrettes, etc.), coloring books and crayons, toothpaste & toothbrushes, combs, hats & mittens.

Donations may be brought to the West Springfield/Agawam Open Pantry from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday, and on Wednesday evenings from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. If you have any questions, or would like to volunteer, please call Diane Crowell or Pat Lyman at the Open Pantry (734-7969).

Donations are appreciated (by December 2nd, please).

The Christmas party committee members include Al Aube, Richard Clark, Diane Crowell, Rachel Hartman, Patrick Kearney, Joan Kellogg, Evelyn Lavelli, Pat Lyman, Linda Nummy, Ellian Sanchez, Miriam Santos, and Brenda Welch.

St. John's Church Baptizes Nine Into Catholic Community

Father Howard W. McCormick, pastor of St. John the Evangelist Church, baptized nine members into the church on Sunday, November 27th, at the 11:30 a.m. Mass.

Those baptized included: **Christiana Marie Antico**, daughter of Joseph & Jill Antico; **Tyler Christopher Butt**, son of Michael & Laurie Butt; **Matthew Ray Chaban**, son of James & Emmi Chaban; **Erica Taylor Hayden**, daughter of Joel & Rita Hayden; and **Isabella Maria Isotti**, daughter of Dino & Tina Isotti.

Also, **Kayla Rose Sirard**, daughter of Timothy & Lisa Sirard; **Alyssa Brienne Slaimen**, daughter of Joseph & Carrie Slaimen; **Amber Rose Stepanik**, daughter of Alan & Karol Stepanik; and **Matthew Frank Wilk**, son of Peter & Laura Wilk.

Ham & Bean Supper At Ag. Congregational On December 8th

Hear ye, hear ye! A ham and bean supper will be held at Agawam Congregational Church on Thursday, December 8th, at 5:00 and 6:15 p.m.

The donation is \$7 for adults, and \$3.50 for children under 12 years of age.

The menu will be ham, beans, scalloped potatoes, salad, rolls and butter, beverage (coffee, tea, or milk), and dessert.

For reservations, call Clint Warren, 786-7231, or the church office, 786-7111.

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Church News - continued...**News & Notes From F.H. Congregational**

Rev. Donaldson's sermon this week will be "Oily, Oily Oxen Free." Please join us for worship at 10:00 a.m.

Children are invited to attend church with their parents, leaving at the appropriate time for Sunday School. Nursery care is provided.

The 21-Plus Club is organizing a banquet to honor those members who have been a vital part of our church for 25 or 50 years and more. A ham dinner is planned, so save January 8th for a great celebration.

If you can help out by providing old photographs or other memorabilia to help us bring back the spirit of the old days, please contact the office at 786-5061.

The Mitten Tree is set up in Griswold Hall during the month of Advent. Please bring mittens, scarves, hats, etc., to be given to the Open Pantry. Help share the warmth of Christmas!

The annual Children's Christmas Party will be December 11th from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. We will have a potluck supper followed by a special holiday craft project.

Please bring a gift wrapped in white paper with a tag indicating age and gender for distribution by the Open Pantry to a child in the area.

Operation Friendship will hold a Roast Beef Dinner from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., at the church on Saturday, December 10th. Operation Friendship is an organization that helps young people travel and meet friends from around the world.

On the calendar this week:

December 4th: Communion Sunday; 10-Plus Youth Group, 2:00 p.m.; Operation Friendship, 6:30 p.m.

December 5th: Christian Ed, 6:30 p.m.; Council, 7:30 p.m.

December 7th: Girl Scouts, 2:45 p.m.; Choir, 7:00 p.m.; A.A., 8:00 p.m.

December 8th: Girl Scouts, 6:00 p.m.; Deacons, 7:30 p.m.

December 10th: Operation Friendship Roast Beef Dinner, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

"Music Of Christmas" Agawam Cong. Church

"The Music of Christmas," a program of piano and organ music, will be presented on Sunday, December 4th, at 4:00 p.m. at the Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam.

Mr. Bryan Kirby, organist and choir director at the church, will play a variety of music ranging from Bach to contemporary arrangements of old favorites.

Join your friends and neighbors for this festive presentation of holiday music. Refreshments will follow.

Chicken Supper Back At Valley Community

Valley Community Church is happy to spread the news of the return of its Chicken Suppers.

The supper will be held on Saturday, December 10th, with continuous seatings from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Featured on the menu is baked chicken, stuffing, potatoes, two hot vegetables, salad, cranberry sauce, rolls with butter, and a beverage. Then comes the hard part—your choice from the dessert table which is overflowing with delicious fattening, sweet, mouth-watering desserts.

The cost is still only \$6.50 for adults and \$3.25 for children.

Reservations are strongly suggested by calling the church at 786-2445.

Valley Community Church is located "high on a hilltop" at 152 South Westfield St., Feeding Hills.

Polish Church Plans Westfield Craft Fair

Last minute shoppers, don't miss this chance to buy beautiful hand-crafted gifts for the holidays.

St. Joseph's Polish National Catholic Church, 73 Main Street, Westfield will have a great variety of crafts, plus baked goods and Pierogis for sale at a Craft Fair on December 10th from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; with lunch from 11:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

"Parents' Morning Out" Offered By St. David's Church

A "Parents' Morning Out" will be offered to the community at-large on Saturday, December 17th, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, by St. David's Episcopal Church, 522 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills.

Consisting of a Christian program, snack, and child care for infants up to eight year-old children, the program will be not only fun for the children, but also a relief for parents looking for time to shop, to rest, or otherwise to prepare for the holidays.

The ratio of adult caregivers to children will be one to four, with aides assisting at all age levels. The charge for one child will be \$12, with \$8 for each additional child in the same family.

The proceeds will go to support the St. David's Building Fund. For registration or further information, please call St. David's Church at 786-6133.

Big Sale Coming To Trading Post At Ag. Baptist Church

Come to the big sale at the Agawam Baptist Church Trading Post (corner of Main & Elm Sts., Agawam), December 7th from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Upstairs, save 50 percent off, downstairs, save 20 percent off!

The sale will feature outstanding buys on stylish stouts, misses clothing, junior clothing, men's apparel, children's clothes, baby articles, fashionable holiday attire, household items, shoes, boots & skates, jeans, coats, jackets, jerseys, sweaters, blouses, slacks, skirts, and knick-knacks.

Come check out the bargains!

PLEASE REMEMBER that our deadline is every Tuesday at noontime. We do appreciate those who bring in their copy or classifieds on Monday.

Westfield Church Plans Bazaar

St. Peter's Parish, 34 State Street, off Route 20 in Westfield, will hold its annual Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, December 3rd from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, December 4th from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., in the Parish Center.

Featured will be country art, knitted items, jewelry, a wide variety of crafts, baked goods, including their popular kolacky, and attic treasures.

Coffee and refreshments will be available and there is ample free, off-street parking.

Grace Lutheran Church To Hold Holiday Fair

Grace Lutheran Church will hold its 16th Annual Holiday Fair on December 3rd from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the church hall, 1552 Westfield Street, West Springfield.

The fair will feature local craft persons as well as traditional church shops. Interested crafters may obtain an application by calling the church office (734-9268) mornings from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Adoration Society To Meet At Church In West Springfield

The Nocturnal Adoration Society of Agawam and West Springfield will meet at Saint Louis Church in West Springfield to conduct and pray The Office of The Blessed Sacrament, Friday, December 2nd, from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m.

All are invited to come and spend an hour in Eucharistic Adoration.

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Spotlight On Business

Tae Kwon-Do School Opens In Feeding Hills In Galleria Shops

Todd Gordner and Mark Walachy, both of West Springfield, have opened Die Hard Tae Kwon-Do at 360 North Westfield Street (Galleria Plaza), where they are offering classes in the martial art of Tae Kwon-Do on beginner, intermediate, and advanced levels.

There are classes for just children, adults, and a special class now offered for women only. Both Gordner and Walachy are Black Belts and members of the U.S. Tae Kwon-Do Federation, and attend classes in West Hartford, Connecticut, at J. Palais Martial Arts Center. They learned the Korean form of unarmed combat designed for self-defense and practiced now in competitions throughout the world.

"Tae Kwon-Do is the scientific use of the body in method of self-defense," says Mr. Walachy. "Its discipline, technique, and mental training are the mortar for building a strong sense of justice, fortitude, humility, and reserve." Walachy is a computer systems coordinator for Aetna Life Insurance and also an art broker, representing Bryson Gwinnell, a Vermont sculptor.

Gordner is a computer graphic artist for Die Graphics in Ludlow and also attends Westfield State College, where he majors in art. In 1990, Gordner was a member of the U.S. team which competed in the First Oriental Single Combats Tournament in Tashkent, USSR, winning a Gold Medal by taking first place for high jump board breaking, in addition to setting the unofficial world record at a height of 10 feet, two inches.

In addition to the Gold, he also took home a silver in his weight class for free sparring. In 1992, he competed, along with 66 other countries, in the eighth World Tae Kwon-Do Championships in Pyongyang, North Korea. He broke five boards with a knife hand in the Men's Team Power Breaking Competition to win the Gold Medal and help the team to a Silver Medal.

Walachy is an eight-year veteran of the art of Tae Kwon-Do, competed in many tournaments and won several medals in free sparring, board breaking, and pattern. He was named 1992 Most Valuable Black Belt and instructor of the year. He recently completed an umpire training course, which he will be using in upcoming tournaments.

"Most people probably get the wrong idea about our name, 'Die Hard,'" said Gordner. "'Die Hard' is a name attributed to the martial artist who strives to be the best they can be. It is a person who trains and teaches from the heart, and to consider feelings of others. Once you find yourself dedicating your life to the art and living by the tenets of Tae Kwon-Do, courtesy, integrity, perseverance, self-control, and indomitable spirit, then you become a 'Die Hard.'"

"We don't by any means have a school that is packed full of students, but I tell you what we do have is a school of 'Die Hards,'" said Gordner.

"Some of these students have also competed in tournaments and have been on our special demonstration teams, including the Eastern States Expo and one coming up December 7th for the Non-users Club at the Agawam Junior High School. We owe thanks to our instructor for his support since and before the opening of Die Hard Tae Kwon-Do and look forward to becoming involved in Agawam and helping people become all they can be," concluded Gordner.

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STUDENTS OF TODD GORDNER and MARK WALACHY of Die Hard Tae Kwon-Do, now open in Feeding Hills.



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How To Become
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Power talkers speak the language of success. They transmit positive expectations both to themselves and to others. While used mostly in the business world, it can be used to better communicate with your children, friends, and acquaintances.

What's an example of power talking? ... Think about how your feel when a hotel clerk tells you, "You won't have your room before 1:00 o'clock," rather than, "We'll have the room ready for you at 1:00 o'clock." Both messages convey the same information ... but they give the listener totally different impressions of the attitude of the clerk ... and the hotel.

To become an effective power talker, you must work at it phrase by phrase ... day by day. List each night the expressions that you came up with during the day that can help you project the positive thinking that's the key to positive talking. You must become aware of your phrases that should be replaced with more positive expressions.

Instead of saying, "I'll try to do it," say, "I will do it." The reason? ... "I'll try" means I'm not sure if I'm going to succeed ... but when you say, "I will," both you and the person that you are speaking to can be more confident the job will get done.

You'll find these basic traits as you work on your skills...

Project positive expectations ... Don't say, "I have to" ... say, "I'll be glad to." Don't say, "I'm not good at something" ... say, "I'm getting better."

Give credit whenever it's due ... When someone gives you a compliment, don't excuse yourself ... simply accept it graciously. When these people succeed, don't tell them how lucky they are ... compliment them on their skill and effort.

Accept responsibility ... Don't blame others for what happens to you ... rather see yourself in control of your own fate. Don't say, "I can't do anything about it" ... say, "It's my responsibility to change things."

Encourage cooperation and reduce conflict ... Eliminate conflict producing words from your vocabulary. Don't say, "It's a good product, but it's expensive" ... say, "It's a good product, and it's expensive."

Always tell the truth ... Power talking is not a way to fool people with language ... it's a way to communicate effectively ... and effective communication must be consistently credible. When you're asked to do something that you cannot do, or should not do, or don't want to do, simply say "No." Also, don't use phrases like, "Well, to be perfectly honest with you" ... the listener will get the idea that you're not always honest when you speak.

Get back to the basics ... Don't forget the words "please & thank you." Also, when you make a mistake, don't say, "It's not my fault, I couldn't help it" ... say, "I'm sorry, it was my responsibility."

If you want to become a power talker, you should get started right away. Become more aware of the powerless phrases that you have been using and replace them with more positive expressions. Ask your family members and friends to help you. As you listen to the way that other people talk, you'll see how far you can progress in a short time.

NAMES AND NOTES

Here's a special birthday wish from Barbara... "To my sister, Carolyn (Pioggia) ... May all of your days be filled with the happiness that you bring into my life! ... I love you!"

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George & Green Names Agawam Rotary Club
Gail Butler To Staff To Hold Benefit
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Gail holds the national designation of GRI and CRS and brings to George & Green 14 years of real estate experience. She has served on both the Springfield and State Board of Directors, as well as several committees and was presented the President's Award for outstanding service. This summer, she completed the requirements for her bachelor's degree in Business.

Gail and her husband, Bill, have been residents of Westfield for the past 19 years.

Gail looks forward to once again serving the real estate needs of her clients and customers. She can be reached in the Westfield office at 568-2851.

George & Green Real Estate Co., Inc. is a full service real estate company with offices in Westfield, Agawam, and East Longmeadow.

The Agawam Rotary Club announces that a Benefit Luncheon Auction has been planned for Wednesday, December 7th, between 12:00 noon and 2:00 p.m. at Storowton Tavern, West Springfield.

Many items have been donated by Agawam Rotary members and local businesses. Prices will begin around \$15. Robert Campbell, past president of the club, will be the auctioneer.

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Finding The Right Mortgage Is As Important As Finding The Right Home

Everybody knows that for most people and most families, buying a house requires taking out a mortgage.

What buyers too often fail to realize, however, is that finding the **right** mortgage can ultimately turn out to be almost as important as finding a home your family can love.

All mortgages are not created equal. And choosing a mortgage that's not well suited to your needs, your budget, and even your temperament, can cause you unnecessary expense, inconvenience, and anxiety over a long period of years.

It's not that some mortgages are good and others are in some way intrinsically bad. But mortgages — like houses and cars and people — come in many different types. Different types exist to serve different purposes. A kind of mortgage that's perfect in some situations can make no sense at all in others.

The big variables in mortgages are the length of

time you're given to repay and the rate of interest you're charged. All of us want to pay the lowest possible interest, of course, and in general, most of us want to be free to repay a mortgage as slowly as we like.

That doesn't mean, though, that you should always go for the lowest rate of interest you're offered — or that you should always demand 30 years to repay.

Where interest rates are concerned, for example, you can and should tailor your mortgage to your circumstances. Your income, how much predictability you require in your life, how long you expect to stay in the house you're buying, and what you expect the economy to do in the future — all these things can and should be taken into consideration.

It's almost always possible — in the beginning, anyway — to pay lower interest by taking out an adjustable rate mortgage. With this kind of mortgage you and the lender agree to start out at one rate, but to reset it at some later time depending on what happens to interest rates generally.

There's a measure of risk in this, obviously. If you're not comfortable with risk but are comfortable with the fixed rate available at the time you buy your house, you might be better off with a somewhat higher rate that will stay constant throughout the life of the mortgage.

"Semi-fixed" mortgages are an interesting alternative. With them, your interest rate is adjusted only once, usually after five or seven years. Then the rate remains constant for the remaining life of the mortgage. Usually you can save half a point of interest with a semi-fixed mortgage, and the risks are minimal if you expect to be selling your house before resetting time comes around.

The most important thing is to acquaint yourself with all the alternatives, work out the numbers that apply in your case, and take the trouble to shop around. A good real estate broker can help you do all those things.

(John Schuler is the Broker/Owner of CENTURY 21 Newschu Real Estate, Inc., located in Feeding Hills, MA [413]-789-1117).

Colonial Funeral Home Receives "Excellence Award" At National Meeting

Colonial Forastiere Funeral Home of Agawam received the Pursuit of Excellence Award at the 113th annual convention of the National Funeral Directors Association (NFDA) held October 28th through November 3rd in Nashville. The award honors funeral service excellence including outstanding accomplishment, unique programming, activity and innovative achievement.

To qualify, a funeral home must meet the criteria for outreach programs in seven different categories: education, compassionate service, community and professional service, library or media resource, special in-house activities, in-

dividual funeral home service and public relations, and continuing education. Winners are selected by a committee of national funeral service professionals.

"Achieving the Pursuit of Excellence Award means that a funeral home has excelled above and beyond in providing quality service to its community," states Sumner Brashears, NFDA president. "My congratulations to Colonial Forastiere Funeral Home for their outstanding accomplishments."

Headquartered in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, NFDA is the oldest and largest funeral service association in the world.

"Merry Christmas" Can Be Said A Lot At Surprise! Card & Gift

Procrastination was the mother of invention when Henry Cole created the first Christmas card in 1846. Cole didn't save time to write the customary personal holiday letters.

For even more personal messages, Bob McElligott of **Surprise! Card & Gift Shop** recommends a Recordable Greeting Card, which lets you record a 10-second message in your own voice.

A new trend is giftable cards. Some have attachments such as pins or charms. Also new are Long-Distance Greetings Christmas cards that include 800-number phone cards, good for 10 minutes of free long-distance talking on any telephone.

Even the simplest gift becomes a conversation piece when it's in one of Hallmark's new die-cut handle bags, shaped to look like a Christmas tree, snowman, or teddy bear.

Perhaps the hottest gifts for jigsaw puzzle lovers, stereogram enthusiasts, and collectors are Hallmark's "3-D Sensations" puzzles. After assembly, these stereogram jigsaws appear three-dimensional. This year's Star Trek® Keepsake Ornament and those from past years (plus a 1995 ornament) seem to float in space.

In another puzzle, members of the Merry Olde Santa Keepsake Ornament series, including a 1995 design, appear to come to life on a puzzle. A graphic technique that causes these autostereograms (no glasses needed) allows rows of object images to be retained on each eye. Relaxed eyes are tricked into thinking an image is "real," possibly even appearing to move.

Sometimes a laugh is the greatest gift, says McElligott. A Shoebox card can take someone by surprise with a message like, "To my wife at Christmastime, I could ask for no better gift than your love ... although some sort of electronic gadget would be kind of nice."

The nation's most popular Christmas card since 1977 shows three little cut-out angels, one of whom is peeking during prayer. About two-million of the angel cards are sent each year. A version is also available with three little black angels. Three-angel gift bags, and a tin with cookie shapers and a recipe card, are new this year.

The oldest and most universal holiday greeting, "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to You," is the same message that Henry Cole used on that first Christmas card in 1846 in London.

Giving Christmas cards is a tradition Americans refuse to give up, according to McElligott. For many, Christmas is the one and only time of year they keep in touch.

This year, Americans are expected to exchange more than 2.7 billion Christmas cards, according to Hallmark.

(**Surprise! Card & Gift Shop** is located at 838 Suffield Street in Agawam.)

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Spotlight On Business - continued...**First Federal Bank's Ray Rose Of Feeding Hills Planning Mortgage Seminar On December 6th**

If you, or someone you know, has always had the dream to someday own your own house, but you've always thought that you wouldn't qualify for a mortgage because of no money for a down payment, poor credit, or that you could not afford the monthly payments, you'll want to attend this upcoming public service seminar titled, "Stop Renting And Start Owning Now!"

The purpose of the seminar is to make everyone aware of the many changes that the U.S. Federal Government has completed with the FHS, FmHA, and VA loan programs. These changes now make it easier than ever for just about everyone to buy a house with very little or no money down ... and to have a mortgage payment lower than their rental payment.

Sponsoring the seminar is First Federal Bank. Their special guest speaker is Raymond Rose, Regional Sales Manager for Bristol Mortgage Cor-

poration, one of the largest lenders in New England and a member of the First Federal Bank System.

"I guarantee you that the information I will review with you can change your life," Rose said. "I'll talk about every aspect of homebuying. You'll learn more during this seminar than you have during your entire lifetime ... In fact, if you're not 100 percent satisfied with the seminar, I will give you two free tickets to my local movie theatre to see the movie of your choice ... that's how sure I am that you'll be impressed. You have absolutely nothing to lose!"

In addition, Rose will give you the answers to the four most critical questions that you absolutely must know about before starting your home search and signing any contracts. Also, everyone that attends will have the opportunity to have a free credit analysis completed within 48 hours of the seminar.

Patti Berube, the Regional Mortgage Officer for this area, commented that "Everyone should take two hours out of their busy schedule and attend this seminar ... Otherwise, they may never understand the power of how to intelligently purchase a house ... and save thousands of dollars."

Also, ask along several of your friends! You'll learn a bunch ... we'll have some fun ... there will be plenty of time for questions ... and be sure to dress casually.

The seminar takes place Tuesday evening, December 6th, at the branch office of First Federal Bank, 66 North Main Street, Suffield, located in the center of town, at the intersection of Routes 75 and 168.

Reservations are requested ... though walk-ins are welcome. Please call 1-800-331-0880 to register. As a special bonus, everyone that pre-registers will receive two free passes to the local movie theatre.



LOOKING OVER BOOKS collected at United Co-Op Bank's 16 Acres location are, from left - Ann Strong, promotional director at WHYN AM & FM; Dorene Janes, librarian at Glenwood School, Springfield; Helaine Sweet-Davis, director, Springfield School volunteers; and Lori Fuentes, marketing assistant for United Co-Op Bank.

United Co-Op Collects 3,000 Books For Kids

United Cooperative Bank announced that its October "Books Are for Reading" book drive resulted in the collection of more than 3,000 children's reading and picture books which were distributed to area elementary schools.

With the assistance of media partner WHYN AM&FM radio, the bank solicited the donation of no-longer-used children's books to remedy the severe shortage of books for the younger grades at many local elementary schools.

The number, and quality of books brought into the bank's eight branch locations, were far beyond expectations. United Cooperative Bank Marketing Director Cathy Lange noted, "It is truly amazing how generous people can be toward a good cause, if you just ask. Some of our customers even went out and purchased brand new books to donate to the drive."

United Cooperative Bank is headquartered in West Springfield and operates full service branches in Holyoke, Westfield, Chester, four Springfield locations, and a mortgage center in Northampton.

For information, contact Ms. Cathy Lange, Marketing Director, United Cooperative Bank, (413) 787-1700.

LEGAL NOTICE**LEGAL NOTICE****TOWN OF AGAWAM
BOARD OF APPEALS**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing at the Agawam Middle School Cafeteria, 68 Main St., Agawam, on THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1994 at 6:30 P.M. o'clock, for all parties interested in the appeal of JOSEPH VALENTI, who is seeking a Special Permit in accordance with Section 180-7 (B) (2) of the Zoning Ordinances, which would allow for the alteration of a building into a restaurant at the premises identified at 1 COOPER STREET.

By order of the Board of Appeals
Raymond Gendron
Acting Chairman

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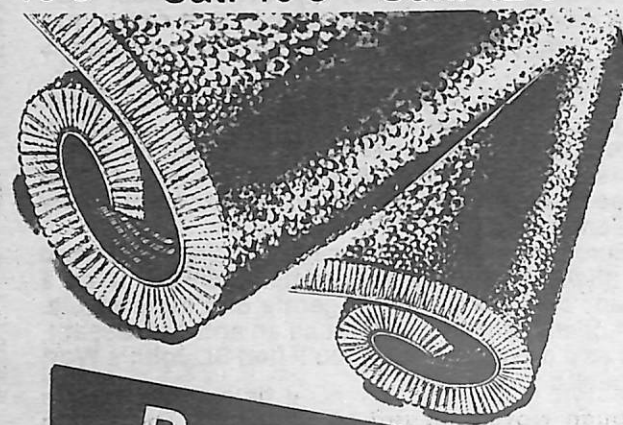
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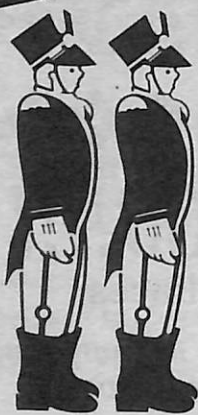
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Food for Thought

by Nancy Dell
Registered Dietician

Foods To Lift Your Mood

With the dark days of winter, an estimated 35 million Americans fall into depression. Researchers believe the foods you eat can lift your mood and help you overcome the blues.

When children cry, we give them a candy, and they feel better. Part of the reason candy makes us feel better is all in our head ... really in our head! The sugary carbohydrates in sweets trigger a chemical in our brain called serotonin that lifts our mood. Carbohydrates could be called "edible antidepressants."

Researchers at the National Institute of Mental Health fed depressed patients and patients without depression six high carbohydrate sugary cookies. In two hours, the extra serotonin released from eating the cookie made the depressed patients more energetic and less tense. But the extra serotonin made normal patients feel too relaxed—zoned out.

So how food affects your mood varies with your personality. If you need to beat the blues, start your day by eating just carbohydrate foods—have dry cereal and fruit, a bagel and jam, pancakes and syrup.

Don't eat it with protein like milk and eggs, yogurt, and breakfast meats or the boost in serotonin will be blocked. You will see the effect in as early as 30 minutes and it will last two to three hours, according to studies at the University of Tennessee.

Europeans use an herb called St. John's Wort to lift their spirits. We in America think of it as a weed. St. John's Wort is gentle and dependable. Not chemically, it does act as an anti-depressant, but as a mood elevator. You'll find St. John's Wort in health food stores.

Cancer Support Group Meeting Slated At Noble Hospital

Noble Hospital's Cancer Support Group will meet on Thursday, December 15th, at 7:30 p.m. in the Westfield hospital's Auditorium A, located on the ground floor.

The monthly support group is open to individuals with cancer, and their families or support persons. Nancy Ferguson, M.Ed., is the group facilitator.

Registration is not required. For further information, please contact Ana Nunez, R.N., Oncology at Noble Hospital, 568-2811, ext. 5698.

Chronic Pain Support Group To Meet At Mercy Hospital

A Chronic Pain Support Group for sufferers, their families, and friends, meets bimonthly at Mercy Hospital in Springfield.

The next meeting will be held on December 7th from 12:30 to 2:00 p.m. in the Deliso Conference Center. This community service is offered free of charge.

The group will be led by William Flanagan, M.A., M.Ed., Co-Director of Pain and Stress Management Associates of West Springfield. Flanagan and his partner, Gerald Steinberg, M.D., specialize in the new field of surface EMG biofeedback to treat chronic or acute soft tissue pain disorders. Flanagan will discuss new technologies, theories, and treatments for chronic pain.

For more information, call Peg Valley, group coordinator, at (413) 748-7486.

Mobile Hearing Center To Visit Ag. Senior Center December 2nd

Free hearing screenings and hearing aid checks provided by Mercy Hospital's Weldon Mobile Hearing Center will be conducted at the Agawam Senior Center on December 2nd, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

In addition, full diagnostic hearing tests, evaluations, fittings, sales, and service of hearing aids and assistive listening devices can be scheduled on a fee-for-service basis.

The hearing van's audiology equipment is operated by nationally certified audiologists from the Weldon Hearing Center at Mercy Hospital.

For a reservation, call the Agawam Senior Center at 786-0400, extension 242 or 243.

Noble Hospital Sponsors Stroke Support Group

Noble Hospital in Westfield will host support groups for stroke patients and their families. Karen Fagan, LICSW, clinical social worker at the Bronson Rehabilitation Center at Noble Hospital, will lead the groups (which usually meet twice each month).

During the month of December, meetings for stroke patients will take place on Wednesday, December 7th and 21st, at 5:30 p.m., and the meetings for families of stroke patients will take place on Wednesday, December 14th and 28th, at 5:30 p.m.

Both groups will meet in the Bronson Dining Room, where refreshments will be served. For more information or to register for the free support group, call Karen Fagan at 572-5151.

Urinary Tract Getting Special Attention At Noble Hospital

In an effort to encourage early detection of diseases of the urinary tract, Noble Hospital and urologist Dr. Robert White are offering to men over the age of 50 a limited number of free bladder cancer screening kits that can be used at home to detect the presence of blood in the urine.

In many people, the presence of a small amount of blood in the urine is not associated with the existence of serious disease, but all people with detectable blood should undergo further testing to rule out serious treatable disease.

Approximately 20 percent of people who test positive for blood will have medical problems, such as urinary tract malignancies, the most common of which is bladder cancer, which is more responsive to treatment when discovered in an early stage.

Because bladder cancer is more common in males, and much more common in people over the age of 50, individuals in these groups should particularly consider screening for blood in the urine. Other urinary tract cancers as well as benign diseases of the urinary tract, such as stones or obstructions, can also be detected with this screening test.

For people who have had surgery of the urinary tract within the last six months, blood in the urine may be a natural consequence from the surgery and will resolve with healing, and the screening test would not be valid. Also, no purpose would be served by further screening for anyone who has already tested positive for blood in the urine.

Similarly, individuals who know they have a disease of the urinary tract, such as stones or malignancies, would not benefit from testing.

For more information, or to order your kit, please call the Marketing Department at Noble Hospital, (413) 568-2811.

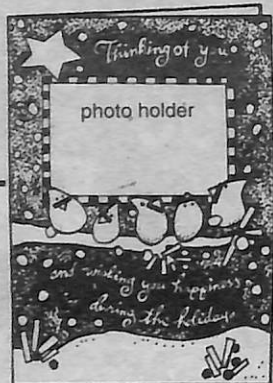
Nutritionist Nancy Dell At Fitness First

Noted Nutritionist Nancy Dell will be speaking at Fitness First on Monday, December 5th at 7:00 p.m. Her topic will be "Bake To Your Heart's Delite."

Persons who attend this informative seminar will learn one dozen tips to cut the fat and boost the nutrients in favorite cookies, cakes, and quick breads for the holidays and always.

All participants are encouraged to bring with them a favorite recipe. Nancy will show how to substitute and at times, eliminate the fat in recipes while still enjoying superior flavor and presentation.

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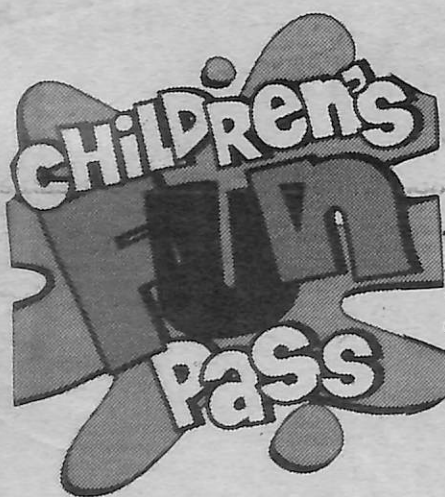


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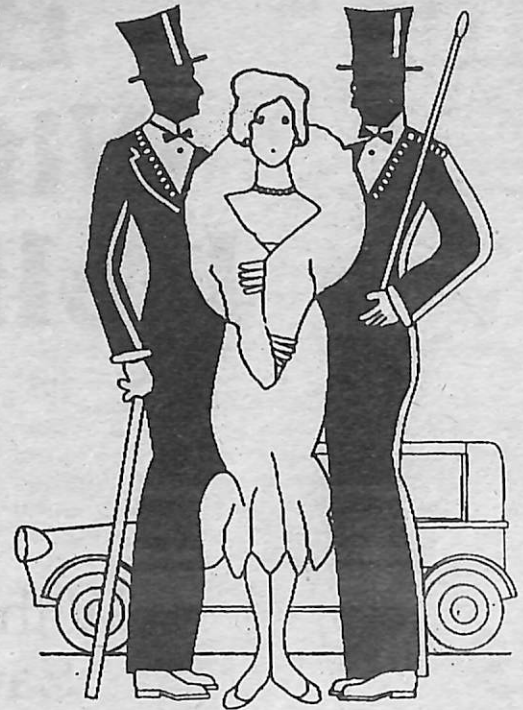
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The Ski Privilege Card allows you to use nine downhill ski areas in Western Mass. Monday - Friday for free or at a discount. Cards are only \$50 each and only a limited number will be sold.

* Some limitations apply. For more information and a detailed brochure on the Holiday Gift ideas, call the American Lung Association of Western Mass. 737-3506.

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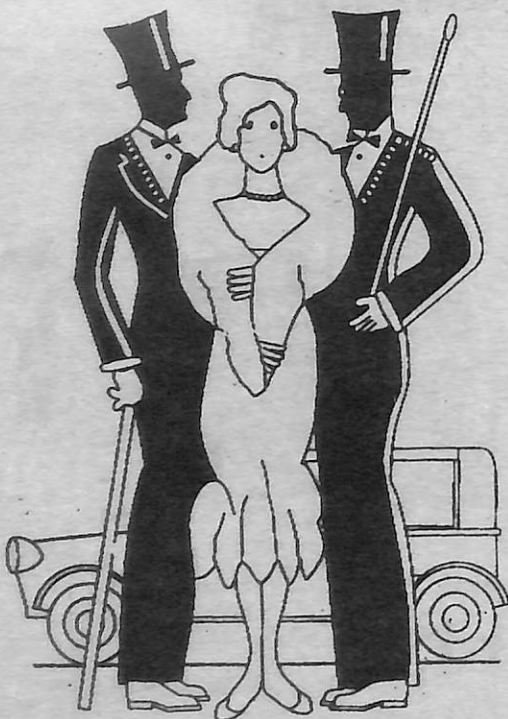
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For Your Health - continued...

CPR Classes Being Offered At American Red Cross Office

Applications are now being accepted for the winter CPR classes offered at the American Red Cross at 235 Chestnut Street in Springfield.

Courses include: Community CPR, a 6½ to eight-hour course covering procedures for adult, child, and infant victims; Adult CPR, a four-hour course; and Infant/Child CPR, a 6½ to eight-hour course.

Each participant receives a textbook and a pocket mask for use during and after training. All courses include instruction in how to recognize and react to an emergency, and how to administer rescue breathing, first aid for choking, and one-rescuer CPR skills.

Registration fee is \$40 for Community CPR or Infant/Child CPR, and \$35 for Adult CPR.

Morning (9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.) and evening (6:00 to 10:00 p.m.) classes are available. Interested persons are asked to register early, as each class size is limited.

For further information about specific class dates or to receive a schedule, please call the American Red Cross Health and Safety Office at 737-4306.

Diabetic Programs Offered In December At Mercy Hospital

A series of diabetic education programs will be offered in December by the Patient Education Department at Mercy Hospital in Springfield.

The hour-long programs are open to the public at no charge, and will be conducted at 2:30 p.m. in the Deliso Conference Center for four consecutive days, beginning December 12th.

Topics include: "Introduction to Diabetes," "Diet and Diabetes," "Medications Used in the Treatment of Diabetes," and "Complications Related to Diabetes."

Registration is required. For more information, call the Patient Education Department at (413) 748-9024 between 8:00 and 9:00 a.m. weekdays, or leave a message.

Noble Hospital To Hold Respiratory Support Group

Noble Hospital's Better Breather's Support Group will have its annual holiday get-together on Monday, December 12th, at 2:00 p.m. in Auditorium A, located on the ground floor of the Westfield hospital.

To register for the support group, call the Respiratory Department at 568-2811, ext. 5986.

Crohn's And Colitis Support Group To Meet At Noble Hosp.

Noble Hospital's Crohn's and Colitis Support Group will meet for its annual holiday get-together on Tuesday, December 13th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Noble Hospital Auditorium A.

The Crohn's and Colitis Support Group is free and open to the public. For further information, call the Community Relations Department at Noble Hospital in Westfield at 568-2811, ext. 5569.

Support Group For Parents Of Kids With Mental Illness To Meet

A support group for parents of children experiencing emotional and/or mental illness will meet on December 13th at 7:00 p.m. at Wesson Memorial Hospital, located at 140 High Street, Springfield.

It will be a regular caring and sharing meeting. If you have any questions, call Sandy Iserman at 562-2143.

Dr. Sobel Schedules Customer Service Prog.

On Friday, December 9th, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Dr. Steve Sobel will be presenting the full-day program "Prolific Customer Service: How To Delight, Attract, and Retain Customers For Increased Profitability And Long-Term Success."

The program will take place at the Ramada Hotel in West Springfield and will feature the latest ideas on how to stay highly competitive and how to allow your employees to be "customer superstars."

The cost is \$69 per person; for every three that attend, a fourth goes free. Call (413) 785-1259 for detailed info and a full program description and registration form.

Sobel's four-tape audio album "Prolific Customer Service" is included in the price, as well as all surveys and materials that will be used.

Baystate Medical Ctr. Schedules Classes

Baystate Medical Center will sponsor the following classes throughout the month of December.

Maternity Exercise Class - Monday and Wednesday evenings, November 28th-December 21st, 6:00-7:00 p.m., Executive Officers Meeting Room, for pregnant women and those who recently delivered, \$30. Pre-registration required by calling Parent Education at 784-BABY (2229).

Diabetes Teaching Class - December 12th-15th, 1:00-3:00 p.m., Auditorium 1 on the third floor of the Centennial Building, physician's prescription required, for patients and family members, \$262.50. Pre-registration required by calling 784-2222, or for more information, call 784-4364.

Breast Feeding Class - December 6th, 22nd, and 27th, 7:00-9:15 p.m., \$10. Pre-registration required. For more information, or to pre-register, call Parent Education at 784-BABY (2229).

Dealing With People Who Are Difficult Dec. 7th Program

Dr. Steve Sobel, director and founder of The New England Institute For Stress Management of West Springfield will be conducting the seminar, "Dancing With Wolves—How To Deal Superbly and Creatively With Difficult People" on Wednesday, December 7th from 9:00 a.m. to noon at the Ramada Hotel in West Springfield.

Dr. Sobel will present the latest strategies and methods to effectively deal with difficult people in the workplace and at home and how to establish a sense of balance and control of your everyday life.

Contact hours are awarded. Pre-registration is needed by calling (413) 785-1259. Cost is \$25 per person with group discounts available.

American Red Cross Offering Winter First Aid Classes

Applications are now being accepted for the winter first aid classes offered at the American Red Cross at 235 Chestnut Street in Springfield.

This course trains individuals in adult skills for rescue breathing, obstructed airway, CPR, and first aid for broken bones, bleeding, burns, poisoning, stroke, and seizures. Each participant receives a textbook, pocket mask, and bandage kit for use during and after training. Registration fee is \$45.

Morning (9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.) and evening (6:00 to 10:00 p.m.) classes are available. Interested persons are asked to register early, as each class size is limited.

For further information about specific class dates or to receive a schedule, please call the American Red Cross Health and Safety Office at 737-4306.

Stress Seminars By Dr. Steven Sobel On Tap In December

Dr. Steve Sobel, founder and director of The New England Institute for Stress Management of West Springfield, announces that he will be leading the following seminars:

December 6th: Prescription For Health, Happiness & Humor, 7:00-9:00 p.m., \$19 per person.

December 7th: Dancing With Wolves—How To Deal Superbly And Creatively With Difficult People And Situations, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon, \$25 per person.

December 9th: Prolific Customer Service—How To Delight, Attract And Retain Customers For Increased Profitability And Long-Term Success, full day, \$69 per person.

December 10th: Saving Our Children—How To Raise Resilient and Capable Children and Youth in a Complex and Challenging World, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon, \$25 per person.

December 13th: The Ultimate Seminar—"Yes, You Can—How To Live Your Greatest Dream and Get What You Want Out of Life, \$19 per person.

All programs will take place in West Springfield. Call 785-1259 for detailed information and registration form. Contact hours available for some programs.

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Local Kids Dancing With Albany Ballet

The Albany Berkshire Ballet will be bringing its family classic, "The Nutcracker," to the Paramount Theatre in Springfield for two performances on Friday, December 16th.

Performances will be at 4:30 and 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available by calling the Paramount Theatre Box Office at (413) 734-5874 or through the Pro-Tix Outlets.

Ticket prices are \$15, \$18, and \$21. Discounts are available for seniors, children, and under 12 and groups.

A newly completed backdrop for the "Kingdom of the Sweets" in Act II will be unveiled in this year's presentation. The company is continuing its plan to refurbish this holiday favorite. New costumes, props, and a spectacular Christmas tree are planned for next year's production. Robert Boland, the company's Resident Scenic Designer, is already working on these new projects for 1995.

Again this year, a large number of area children will join the dancers in the professional company as reindeer, clowns, angels, soldiers, and mice. The professional dancers who are with the company for this year's production are from around the country and the world.

Agawam students who will be performing include Marcie Coogan, Courtney Megatalski, Adam Witte, Jodie Pfau, Jennifer Gildersleeve, Tara Witte, Scott Harris, and Jocelyn Desrochers.

Antique Dolls To Be Displayed Dec. 4th At Capt. Leonard House

Porcelain replicas of antique dolls by dollmaker Dorothy Mendrala will be on display during the open house at the Captain Charles Leonard House on Sunday afternoon, December 4th, from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Doll making is an age-old craft ranging from very simple handmade and painted wooden or cloth dolls of early America to the elaborate china and wax dolls of Victorian-era Europe. Many of Mandrala's dolls are reproductions of famous makers such as Leon Buv or Emil Jumeau, who were producing dolls during the golden era of dollmaking from the 1870's to the 1920's. The doll display will be accompanied by several of Mendrala's doll-associated antique toys.

The Board of Trustees of the Captain Charles Leonard House cordially invites the public to attend the open house and enjoy the hospitality of this historic Agawam landmark on December 4th.

Hilltop Players Gearing Up For Yuletide Show



THE HILLTOP PLAYERS will present two plays at The Red Door Theatre, 152 South Westfield St., Feeding Hills, on December 2nd and 3rd at 7:30 p.m., and on December 4th at 2:00 p.m. For tickets and more information, call 789-2026. IN TOP PHOTO, Caitlin Salvon, Alyssa Moore, Kristen Pfau, Jodie Pfau, Tiffany Blackman, Keri Trauske, Ashley Boetcher, Dan Szewczyk, Jessie Szewczyk, Tom Szewczyk, Tyler Pearsons, Darcy Banks, and Larry Morell in "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever." IN LOWER PHOTO, Jesse Randzio, Marcy Secora, Scott Belisle, and Mike Moreau in "Christmas in the Land of Oz."



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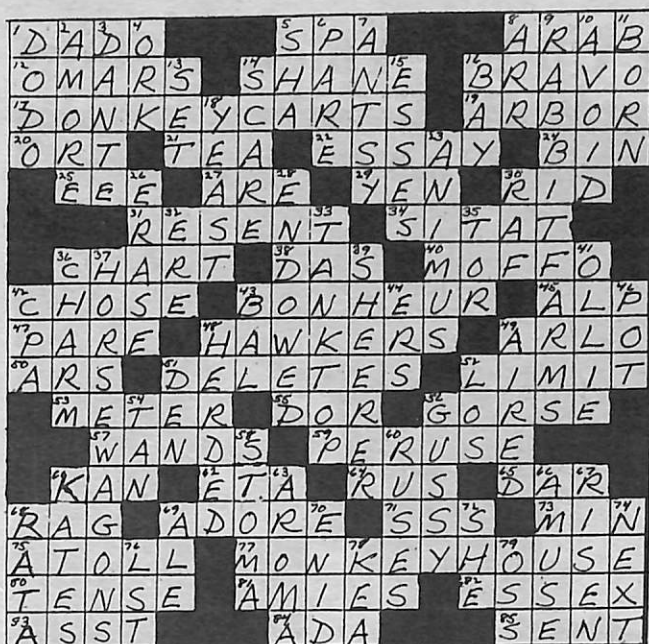
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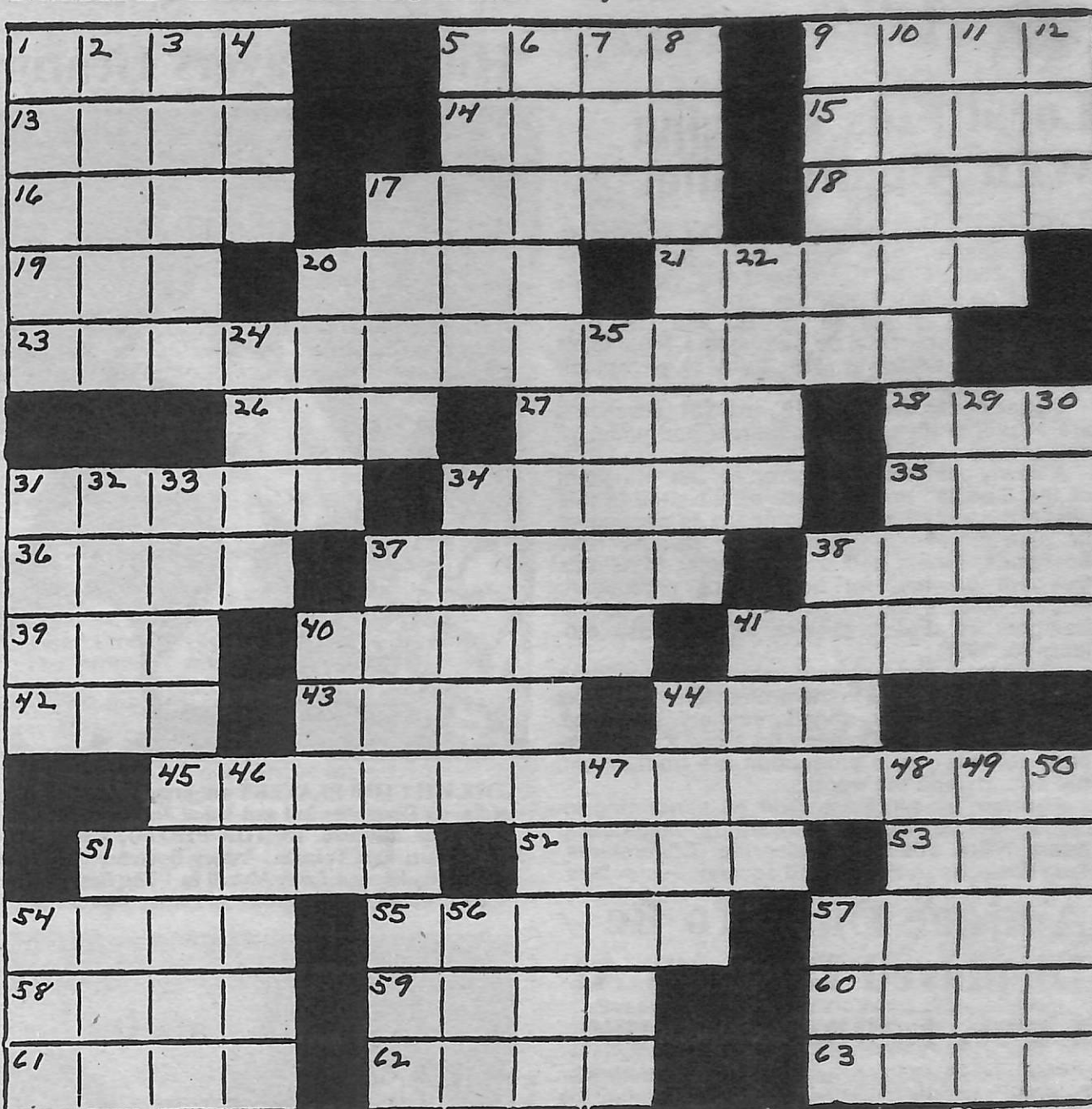
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MIME ROBERT RIVEST

Acclaimed Mime To Perform For "First Friday Series"

Mark Friday, December 2nd, on your calendar as the evening to watch acclaimed mime Robert Rivest at the Agawam Public Library. He will be presented as part of the "First Friday Series," sponsored by the Agawam Cultural Council. The performance will begin at 7:30 p.m. and is free and open to the public.

Robert Rivest will present an Informal Theater Performance: A lighthearted performance of sketches that are comic and entertaining with optional audience participation and improvisation.

Rivest is well-known and highly acclaimed in the New England area. *The Collegian Review* stated, "He combines a dancer's strength, grace, and balance with the emotional range and believability of a schooled actor and the mime's ability to define space."

Through a series of visual, silent theater pieces, Rivest explores the comedy and tragedy of everyday life. He is known for his infusion of strong technical virtuosity with compassionate storytelling and rich character development.

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Golden Bell Choir To Perform At Agawam Public Library

The Agawam Public Library is pleased to announce a Christmas concert by the Golden Bell Choir scheduled to take place on Tuesday, December 6th, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Community Room of the Library.

The Golden Bell Choir is made up of eight residents of Agawam and Feeding Hills and has made numerous area concert appearances including Storowton, various nursing homes, and area civic club meetings.

Handbell ringing is performed by sets of bells that make up the complete musical scale. Each member of the choir has four or five bells in their charge, and has to pick up and ring a specific bell at the moment when its particular note is needed to make the tune. The Golden Bell Choir has a three-octave range produced by bells made in Holland.

Join us for this interesting program! If you are interested in attending this free program, please call the library at 789-1550.

Agawam Repertory To Hold Auditions

Agawam Repertory Theater will hold auditions for their February production, "Murder at the Howard Johnsons," directed by Sal Marzano.

The play calls for two men and one woman. Auditions are scheduled for 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, December 7th at the Agawam Public Library.

For more information, call Sal at 786-3196 or 786-3212.

Music School Students To Entertain DAR

Mercy Warren Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, will hold its Tuesday, December 6th meeting in the Guild Rooms of Faith United Church, 52 Sumner Avenue, at 1:00 p.m., preceded by a tea at 12:15 p.m.

The day's program will be "Lani Bortfield and the Suzuki Musicians," the remarkable young students from the Community Music School of Springfield, who will delight all with their talent.

The annual fundraiser will feature the Silent Auction—Christmas Boutique, Bake and Book Sale. American Heritage Corner will display Christmas for Children Memorabilia.

Persons interested in membership are welcome or should contact Mrs. William Roan, Registrar, of Longmeadow (567-5771), or Mrs. Lewis M. Gentry of West Springfield, State DAR Registrar, (733-5484).

Johnson's Book Store Has Kids' Storytime On Saturday, Dec. 3rd

Johnson's Bookstore at 1379 Main Street in Springfield will offer a storytime in its children's book section this Saturday, December 3rd at 11:00 a.m. for children ages three to six.

Youngsters of all ages are welcome to visit the Toy Shop, where game demonstrations will be taking place at the same time. So, bring the whole family to Johnson's on Saturday, December 3rd for an enjoyable morning of read-alouds, playing with games and toys, free balloons, and other special surprises.

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St. Martha Players To Hold Auditions For "She Loves Me"

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Everyone auditioning should be prepared to sing. Auditioners may either bring their own sheet music or sing a selection from the show. Performances for "She Loves Me" are slated for April 21st, 22nd, 28th, 29th, May 5th, 6th, 12th, and 13th.

Principal roles include a mature male over 40 years-old; four males 25-35 years-old; one young-looking male under 30 years-old; and two females between the ages of 25-35. (Ages are approximate.) Female and male chorus members are also needed.

Directing this delightful musical is Lee Lavigne of Springfield, MA. The choreographer will be Colleen Bartlett-Taylor, and musical direction will be headed by Steven D. Cirillo of Agawam.

For further information regarding the auditions, please call (203) 745-6368 or (413) 538-6119.

Suf. Players Slate Auditions For Winter & Spring Productions

Suffield: The Suffield Players will be holding auditions for their mid-winter production of three one-act plays on December 9th and 10th from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at Mapleton Hall in Suffield.

The show dates for this production are February 16th, 17th, 18th, 24th, and 25th, March 3rd and 4th. The plays to be performed are "Chores," "The Temp," and "Zoo Story."

Please note, both men and women are welcome to audition for "Zoo Story." Copies of these plays will be available at the Kent Library in Suffield Center.

Auditions for the the May production of The Suffield Players' "Nunsense" will be held on December 11th and 13th from 7:00-9:30 p.m.

Auditions will be held at Mapleton Hall, 1305 Mapleton Ave., Suffield. Call is for five women, ages early 20's to 60's.

Be prepared to perform at least one 30-second dance routine (any dance is acceptable), a song of your choice for which you will need music, and a song from the show and readings (which will be made available at the audition).

Show dates are May 4th, 5th, 6th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 19th, and 20th.

For information, call John Howland at (203) 684-4546.

Friends In Harmony Plans Christmas Show For Dec. 9th & 16th

Riverside's "Friends in Harmony" Christmas Show will be held on December 9th and 16th at the Red Door Theater in Agawam at 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

The chorus will perform a selection of traditional and new Christmas songs.

Tickets are \$1. Donations to be made to various local charities. Tickets may be purchased from chorus members or reserved by calling Riverside Park, 786-9300, ext. 3400 (Judy or Patti).

Create Christmas Cards At Agawam Library

Agawam and Feeding Hills children aged three and up are invited to the Agawam Library to create Christmas cards to brighten the holidays of family and friends and a nursing home resident by making one to leave behind.

Those registered can check out a book and pick up their kit anytime between 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 10th.

Register by calling 789-1550 or stopping by at 750 Cooper Street.



MARGIE SECORA and LYLE PEARSONS of Kit and Kaboodle/STAGE Productions will perform their "Holiday Happen'n" Concert for several area schools, libraries, and museums. Pictured with the duo are Pearsons' children, Tyler and Jaime Pearsons.

Kit & Kaboodle To Provide Yuletide Cheer With Holiday Concerts

Young fans of Kit & Kaboodle, a local children's entertainment troupe, will have ample opportunity to catch their holiday concert throughout the month of December.

The popular musical duo will be performing songs and magic celebrating the many holidays of the season, including Hanukkah and Kwanzaa as well as Christmas.

Lyle Pearsons of Suffield and Margie Secora of Southwick make up Kit and Kaboodle/STAGE Productions and have been performing their music, mime, and magic concerts throughout New England for seven years.

Their "Holiday Happen'n" Concert, in addition to traditional and original music, also includes a playlet, "Wake up, Santa!", which allows many from the audience to dress as elves and reindeer,

play rhythm instruments, and participate in a madcap attempt to wake up Santa.

This fun-filled, action/participation program will be presented at the Springfield Fine Arts Museum on December 4th for their 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. "Breakfast with Santa," and again at the Hartford Wadsworth Atheneum on December 8th at 6:30 p.m. for their "Festival of Trees" program.

Kit and Kaboodle will also be kept busy traveling to the Groton Library, Enfield Street School, Juniper Park in Westfield, and will do two special New Year's Eve performances for Agawam's First Night.

For more Kit and Kaboodle information or bookings for your school, library, or organization, call (413) 569-0318 or (203) 668-0858.

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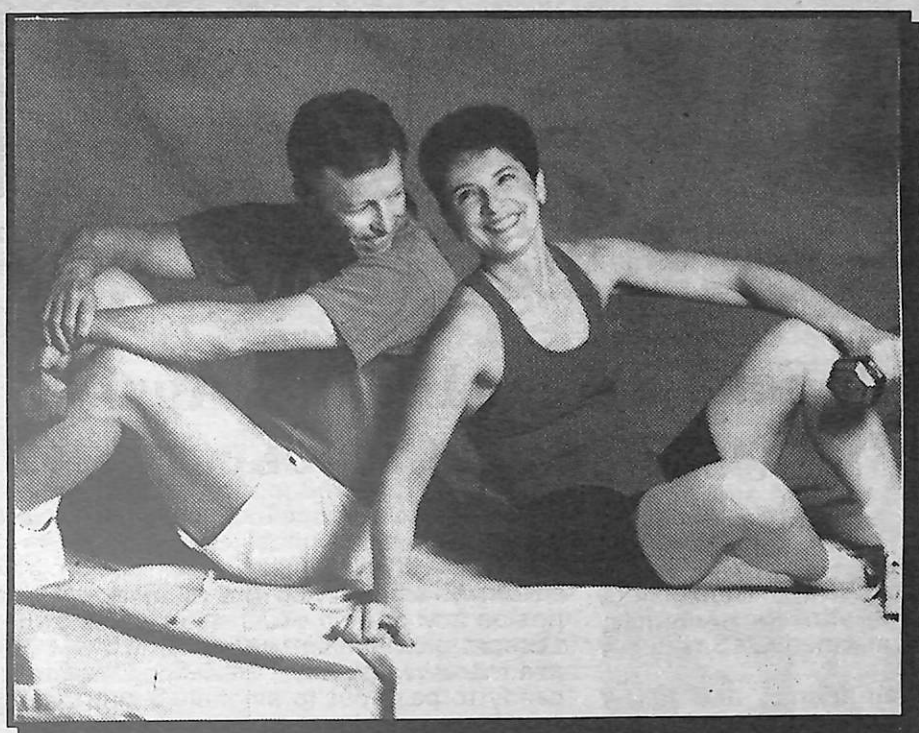
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The Memorial Education Fund Fellowships of \$2,000 are for graduate study in veterinary medicine and medical research. To qualify, a woman must be a legal resident in the state of Massachusetts at least five years.

A \$500 International scholarship will be awarded for a college student for undergraduate or graduate study abroad. The student will be a legal resident of Massachusetts.

A \$500 scholarship for study in Communication Disorder will be awarded for tuition only, and will be sent to the college of your choice.

A \$600 scholarship for Education-Teaching will be given to a high school senior enrolled in a four-year accredited college or university in teacher training.

\$500 Music Scholarships will be awarded to a senior in a Massachusetts high school who will enroll in a four-year accredited college or university, majoring in voice.

\$500 Music Scholarships will be awarded for piano, instrument, music education, and music therapy to high school seniors and will be sent to the college of your choice.

All of the above awards require filling out a completed application form, a letter of endorsement from the president of your local club, a personal letter, a letter of reference from your college or high school, transcript of grades, and a personal interview.

To obtain an application form and more information regarding any or all of these awards, contact Donna Shibley of the Agawam Junior Women's Club at 786-3888.

The Agawam Junior Women's Club is a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs of Massachusetts and the GFWC.

Jr. High Band Has Annual Winter Concert On December 6th

The Agawam Junior High School Band will present its annual Winter Concert on Tuesday, December 6th at 7:00 p.m. in the Junior High School auditorium.

The group, under the direction of Tammy Watson, will perform concert band and jazz band selections, including several holiday favorites.

A \$2 donation will be collected at the door. Concert-goers are also asked to bring a canned food item to be collected for donation to the Open Pantry.



AGAWAM HIGH PEER LEADERS, from left - Laura Beauchemin, Lisa Reveruzzi, and Alyson E. Reid were promoting the "Great American Smokeout" on November 17th at the school. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Agawam High School Peer Leaders Again Coordinate "Great American Smokeout"

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

As they do every year, the Agawam High School Peer Leaders teamed up with the American Cancer Society for the Great American Smokeout on November 17th.

In an effort to get their friends and fellow students to "butt out" of the cigarette habit, the Peer Leaders organized the smokeout at AHS and at the Junior High School.

The day before the event, smokers signed-up with coaches who agreed to help them to stop smoking for the day.

Adoption papers were signed with the responsibilities of both the smokers and the coaches spelled out in contract form.

Smokers pledged to hide cigarettes and smoking paraphernalia; tell their friends not to smoke during the smokeout; call their coach whenever they felt an irresistible urge to smoke; stay away from smoke-filled rooms; and to remember they were leaving the pack behind for the day.

Willpower To Give Up Nicotine

Coaches promised to praise their adoptee for having the willpower to give up the nicotine for the day; remind them there are only 24 hours in a day; offer bribes of food, money, and timeshare vacations and to be there when needed.

O. the day of the smokeout, Peer Leaders pass-

ed out information on the dangers of smoking, tips on how to help a friend to stop smoking, and stickers proclaiming, "Kiss Me - I Don't Smoke" and "Be Beary Healthy." Coaches were also given candy to pass out to smokers when the urge to smoke was getting the best of them.

Junior **Adrienne O'Quinn** said about the event, "We're trying to get people to stop smoking for one day. If they can do that, they can do it for the rest of their lives."

At lunchtime, sophomore **Jessica Przybyla** said the event was going well for the smoker she had adopted.

Keep Mind Off Smoking

"I'm trying to keep her mind off smoking," Jessica told us. "We're going to the Top 49 tonight and that should help."

Jessica said one of her strategies to help her friend put out the cigarette was to remind her, "Just don't do it. You promised."

In her first year as a Peer Leader, Jessica was drawn to the group partly because she shares their commitment to a drug-free lifestyle and also because of the comradery of the group.

"Everybody is so nice to each other. It's like a big family. We work together on the projects," Jessica said.

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KRYSTEN GODFREY

Krysten Godfrey In Golden Key Society

Krysten Godfrey, daughter of John & Susan Godfrey of Agawam, has recently been inducted into the University of New Hampshire Chapter of the Golden Key National Honor Society.

Golden Key is a national academic honor society which recognizes scholastic achievement in all academic disciplines. Students invited must be in the top 15 percent of their junior or senior class.

Krysten is a junior majoring in English/Journalism at UNH where she attains at 3.5 grade point average. She is a 1992 graduate of Agawam High School.

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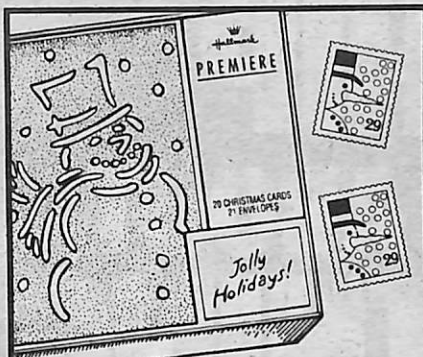
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TOWN OF AGAWAM BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing at the Agawam Middle School Cafeteria, 68 Main St., Agawam, on THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1994 at 7:00 P.M. o'clock, for all parties interested in the appeal of BARBARA A. CUMMINGS, who is seeking a Special Permit in accordance with Section 180-69 (b) of the Zoning Ordinances, which would allow for the alteration of a building in an area of Town which has been found to lie within the Flood Plain at the premises identified as 270 LEONARD STREET.

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Brad Tilden Joins Longmeadow's Tues. Morning Music Club

Brad Tilden, a ninth grade student at the Agawam High School, recently joined the Junior Extension of the Tuesday Morning Music Club of Longmeadow, MA.

Brad auditioned on the piano and cello for the Advisor Board, and he was accepted into membership by a majority vote. Membership is open to all persons up to 20 years of age who are currently studying with a qualified teacher.

The object of the club is to encourage young people in the study of the arts of music and drama; to give them the opportunity to appear before an audience; and to establish friendly relations among themselves as artists.

There are eight performances a year; all are open to the public and are free. To obtain a schedule of performances, contact the First Church of Christ in Longmeadow, MA.

Saturday Nights At Fitness First Being Held Twice In Dec.

Fitness First's weekly Saturday "High School Night" will be held twice only during December and all proceeds will be donated to Open Pantry for the holidays.

The two Saturdays that the Health Club will be available to high school students will be December 3rd and December 10th. Both nights, Fitness First has decided to accept two cans of non-perishable foods per students in lieu of an admission fee. The canned goods will be donated to Open Pantry for the holidays.

If anyone has any questions regarding the admission, please call Fitness First directly at 786-1460.



Agawam High Guidance Report

by Paul C. Cavallo
Chairman

The Agawam High School Guidance Department will sponsor their Annual Financial Aid Night on Thursday, December 15th at 7:00 p.m. in the high school cafeteria.

Our featured speaker will be Dr. Lee Sirois, Director of Financial Aid at A.I.C. Dr. Sirois will direct his presentation to the many changes in the filing process which occurred last year and any changes this year.

The Higher Education Amendment of 1992 requires implementation of a separate federal application that applicants can submit to any multiple data entry processor without a fee. The new law also provides for the collection of supplementary data through a companion form, such as the F.A.F. and the simultaneous reporting of federal and non-federal data to institutions and agencies.

The two forms - the Free Federal Application and the F.A.F., will be available on Thursday. Both forms cannot be filed until after January 1, 1995.

Coffee and light refreshments will be served. Please arrive on time for the meeting, since a great deal of material is covered during the two hours.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION - Seniors should give their college applications to their guidance counselor by the first week of December. Since many applications require detailed processing, it is important that this date be honored.

Our office staff is on vacation December 26th until January 2nd. No applications will be processed during this time. Also, college application deadline dates should be honored.

If students bring applications in on Friday, December 23, 1994, there is no guarantee they will be processed in time by the guidance office.

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As a freshman, Jay played football and basketball and averaged 15 rebounds a game, but averaged only four points! He transferred to Oklahoma City University and under the tutelage of coach Abe Lemons (formerly U. of Texas coach), Jay got his offensive game together, averaging 17 points and 17 rebounds. He was first team All-Sooner Athletic Conference.

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Visiting Artist At Robinson Park School

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

Art teacher Marcia Scherpa recently introduced local portrait artist Carol Guiel to her students at Robinson Park School as part of the school's Visiting Artist Program.

Always on the lookout for opportunities for her students to meet a variety of artists and to learn about their medium first-hand, Mrs. Scherpa "discovered" Mrs. Guiel's art at an area craft show.

"I was so impressed with her work and this was something the children could relate to," Mrs. Scherpa said. "I wanted to present the children with a very good artist so they could learn how she became an artist, what problems an artist has, and who helped her become an artist."

Set-Up Miniature Studio

In her two-day visit to the school, Mrs. Guiel met with the children in the auditorium where she had set-up a miniature artist's studio. On display were finished works as well as works in progress. The children had the chance to learn how the artist begins with a sketch of a live model and uses photographs to complete her portraits done in oils or in pastels.

With fourth grader **Megan Mercadante** as a model, Mrs. Guiel demonstrated how an artist uses light in creating a painting.

"The artist is interested in how the light falls on the person's face," Mrs. Guiel said. "Look at the shapes of how the light falls on the face."

Now a full-time artist, Mrs. Guiel told the children she had worked as an investment banker until she lost her job three years ago when the bank she had been working at failed. Suddenly, she found herself with the time to pursue an interest in painting kindled by an art course she had taken with friends 10 years ago in Houston.

Her busy life juggling a career and a family left no time to pursue her art. But Mrs. Guiel said she had never stopped collecting and reading art books.

"Somehow, I just knew I wanted to do this," Mrs. Guiel said.

After taking classes in portraiture and still-life at the George Walter Vincent Smith Art Museum in Springfield, Mrs. Guiel joined an informal artist's workshop under the direction of her neighbor, retired businessman Ralph Dirats.

Using an unfinished portrait, Mrs. Guiel invited some of the children to try their hand at working with pastels.

Mrs. Guiel explained that while working with a live model is best, she takes photographs of the models to use in completing her portraits. In a two-hour session with a live model, Mrs. Guiel said she has enough time to sketch in the most important details of the portrait.

"I use the photos to remind me of what I'm trying to get," Mrs. Guiel told the children.

All too soon for the children and their guest, time ran out as Mrs. Scherpa noted, "We could listen to you all day."

The Kids Were Mesmerized

Commenting on the children's response to the artist, fourth grade teacher Andrew Bower observed, "For them to sit mesmerized like that shows they were interested."

Mrs. Scherpa summed up her satisfaction with the program by noting, "I'm so glad the PTO funds this. It's so nice to resource education with the community. There are so many talented people out there. It's such an advantage for the children."

These days, Mrs. Guiel says she is happy to have more time to spend with her young children and tailors her working hours to fit their schedules. Rising at 5:00 a.m., Mrs. Guiel works in her studio until it's time to get the children ready for school at 7:00 a.m. She returns to the studio until her pre-schooler comes home from nursery school at 11:00 a.m.

In the evenings, Mrs. Guiel is back in the studio. She often works until 10:00 p.m. to complete the portraits she has been commissioned to paint.

Mrs. Guiel resides in West Springfield with her husband and two children.

ARTIST CAROL GUIEL visits Robinson Park School. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Agawam Schools' Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, December 5th: Cheese pizza, seasoned green beans, chilled fruit cup, milk.

Tuesday, December 6th: Oven-baked chicken nuggets, steamed parsley rice, orange-glazed carrot sticks, fruit cup or chocolate oatmeal bar, milk.

Wednesday, December 7th: Pasta with meatsauce, seasoned Italian mixed vegetables, bread & butter, peach crisp, milk.

Thursday, December 8th: Chilled orange juice, steamed frankfort in roll, seasoned battered potato wedge with catsup, blueberry cake with lemon glaze, milk.

Friday, December 9th: Oven-baked fish fingers, ½ Fluffernutter sandwich, tossed garden salad with creamy dressing, ice cream cup or mixed fruit cup, milk.

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The group is requesting parental assistance to monitor the six-day event, which will take place in the school's main lobby from 10:00 a.m. to 1:20 p.m.

Anyone interested in volunteering their time for a portion of the fundraiser should contact Susan Federico at 786-8948.

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Jay went on to play two years in Portugal, where he excelled, and now is entering his third season with the Harlem Wizards.

Jazzy Jay's great personality, Michael Jordan-like looks, and exciting high-flying game, are putting him at center stage in the Harlem Wizard performance.

By the way, there is one more fact on Jammin' Jay—HE LIVES IN AGAWAM!

Tickets for the Harlem Wizards' appearance at Agawam High School on Thursday, December 8th, at 7:30 p.m., may be purchased at the Mayor's Office, Fitness First, or call Joann McGeoghan at 786-1982, or Nancy Melbourne at 786-1418.

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Boy Scout Troop 78 At Turnverein Earning Many Merit Badges

The Boy Scouts of Troop 78 at the Springfield Turnverein have been busy. They have spent their meetings teaching, learning, and practicing map and compass work, first aid, knots, menu making and cooking for their campouts.

Each patrol has been demonstrating these skills to the other scouts to prepare for their November camping, which they did at the Horace A. Moses Scout Reservation.

At the campout, the patrols set up their tents and cooking areas, stored their food in "bear" bags hung from branches (so that the animals would not share their meals).

On Saturday, the patrols were given directions to three different areas of the reservation where they faced a pre-planned "emergency" situation, such as an injured person in the path of a fire, a hunter lost for three days, and rescue and first aid of a person in rugged terrain.

There were also three events where teamwork played the most important role. This included swinging on a rope to a small island, tying a knot on a tree from 10 feet away, and the "humpty dump-ty" - lifting a can of water by ropes without spilling it on a volunteer under it.

The scouts also spent the next weekend cleaning up the grounds of their sponsoring organization, the Springfield Turnverein on Garden Street, Feeding Hills, as a service project.

Congratulations to Mark Urrea and Brian LaBorde for earning their fishing merit badges. Also, Greg Pajak earned his geology merit badge. Three boys also earned rank advancements - Mark Urrea and Eric Hogan, Second Class Scouts, and Greg Pajak worked hard for his First Class rank.

Again, the troop thanks those who supported the troop by buying candy or sweatshirts, or by generous donations of time or materials of many in the community. Scouting cannot exist without this support.

Civil War Comes To Granger School



PORTRAYING CIVIL WAR soldiers from the federal army are corporal Robert J. Robitaille and Sergeant Jeffrey J. Duquette. The two visited Granger School last month to speak to grade three and four students who were studying the Civil War. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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BOY SCOUTS from Pack 78, sponsored by the Springfield Turnverein on Garden Street, Feeding Hills, clean-up the Turnverein grounds on November 19th to earn another merit badge. From left - Billy Kraus, Brian Hajdamowicz, Mike Hogan, and Roman Hajdamowicz.

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Cub Scout Pack 85 Meet Mayor Johnson



MAYOR CHRISTOPHER C. JOHNSON attended Cub Scout Pack 85's Thanksgiving pack meeting to speak to the scouts and their parents. The second year Webelos are working towards earning their Citizenship Pin and Mayor Johnson was a great help.

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Sports

Terriers Spoil Turkey Day For AHS, 14-6

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

This year's Agawam High/West Springfield High Thanksgiving Day football game started out at West Side's Clarke Field. But the way it quickly deteriorated, it left many Agawam faithful in the huge throng walking back to their cars in disbelief.

Yes, the Terriers won this renewal of the region's oldest football rivalry, 14-6. It was a stinker all the same for both teams. If the Terriers had anything going for them, it was the lust for avenging last year's 22-0 Turkey Day humiliation at the hands of the Brownies. They weren't playing much on skill. Neither was AHS, for that matter.

Both teams combined for six second half turnovers. Unfortunately, Agawam's miscues proved more costly, considering the Terriers seemed to have lady luck patrolling their sideline.

Things Began Upbeat For AHS

Actually, the bigger and faster Brownies started things out in an upbeat fashion. They took the opening kickoff on their own 31 and behind the power running of tailback Jason Votzak and fullback Dom Pisano, methodically worked the ball downfield.

Out of the 12 AHS plays on that drive, 11 of them were overland. Pisano's 14-yard run to the West Side two yard line set-up Votzak's two-yard score on the next play. En route, both backs got some great blocks by linemen Jason Rossi and Matt Disco. Disco sprung Votzak for a 15-yard scamper midway through the drive. With four minutes left in the quarter, AHS led, 6-0.

Then the wheels seemed to come off the Brownie offense. AHS Coach Dean Vecchiarelli told us, "They adjusted. They started to send eight men on just about every play when they were on defense."

That strategy paid dividends for West Side because its offense was being stuffed in the first half by the always-dangerous AHS defense. One of the perks - they all but stopped Votzak. He would only get 53 yards on 13 carries in the first half. He finished with a game-high 87 yards on 26 carries.

The Terrier pass rush also bothered quarterback Mike Lauro. He hadn't seen that much pressure since the Central game. And it showed. In the first half he went 1-2 for 22 yards. Two pass interference calls on West Side helped out, netting AHS 35 yards. But the Brownies didn't dent the scoreboard again before the half.

Lauro ended 2-6 for 46 yards and three sacks.

The AHS offense was continually frustrated and denied after that opening drive. The Brownies tried a 34-yard field goal midway thru the second period, but it was blocked nicely by West Side's Allen Keough, a senior linebacker. Later on, Keough would also block a punt and this figured greatly into a wild fourth quarter finish.

After a first half that stood at 6-0 AHS, both teams came out as grim as they'd been when the contest started on this sunny but windy and cold holiday morning.

Fumbled It Away To Open Half

West Side accepted the kickoff and began on a sour note as running back Randy Miller tried to do too much with the ball. He coughed it up and the Brownies recovered. AHS now had possession at its own 42 and they proceeded to move the ball with gusto again.

Votzak hit for nine yards. Laura sneaked it up the middle for two. Pisano, with another of his bone crushing blocks, buried the Terriers' defensive end and broke Votzak left for 19 yards to the 28.

And Brownie guard Matt Christy was blocking on this drive like there was no tomorrow (as was Derek Parker). West Side was called for pass interference again and the Brownies found themselves at the 10 with a first and goal staring them in the face.

This was another of the game's most crucial points. Votzak, behind Christy and Parker, bulldozed for five. Then he lost four yards to make it third and goal from the nine. The Brownie bench called pass and Lauro had Bryan Menard all alone in the flat. But they couldn't connect.

The Brownies then decided they had nothing to lose and went for six on fourth and goal from the nine. This time star wide receiver Dan Bodman was so wide open on the left side, he could have



AGAWAM HIGH CHEERLEADERS, GRIDIRON PARENTS, and football players enjoy the Annual Bonfire Rally at Harmon Smith Field the night before the big Thanksgiving morning game. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



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used a cellular phone to call for fast food. But the play was missed and the best AHS scoring opportunity since the first quarter went by the boards.

At this point, the AHS defense was still playing fairly solid football, even as the offense was laboring. Votzakis fumbled towards the end of the third quarter which took some added wind out of the Brownies' sails. But even then, the Brownie defenders doggedly got the ball back. The third quarter ended with AHS still up, 6-0.

Then came the final 10 minutes and the stop began. Four of the game's six turnovers were committed in the last four minutes. The Brownies had two of them. And the Brownie faithful could only watch in disbelief and horror.

Early on in the quarter, the Terriers had pushed AHS back to its own two yard line. The Brownies elected to punt from the end zone. The kick was blocked (by Allen Keough) and West Side had it at the AHS one.

Alan Baron immediately coughed it right back up, and Disco pounced on the ball. The Brownies had possession back at their own one. They were now facing a desperate West Side defense that needed a stop.

And that's what happened. After a no gain and a one yard gain by Pisano and Votzakis respectively, the Brownies used a quick-kick and the ball came to rest on the Agawam 20. A West Side procedure call moved the ball back to the 25. It was a beginning of another gut-check session for the AHS defense.

And by golly, the boys were up to it again. The Terriers did manage to move the ball to the AHS eight yard line. It was first and goal. Then, Randy Miller suffered his second fumble of the day. The ever-alert Brian Colby jumped on it with 4:12 left to play.

The Brownie offense, still walking on its heels, could do nothing and ended up with a fourth and four at their own nine yard line. There were two minutes and some change left. And in a nice piece of strategy, Vecchiarelli remembered that earlier blocked punt and was very aware that his offense had been backed up most of the quarter near their own goal line.

Downed It For A Safety

He had Pisano down the ball in the end zone for a safety. That made it 6-2, Brownies, with two minutes remaining. It also gave his boys a free kick and some much needed breathing room.

West Side got the kick at its own 35 and Randy Miller ran it back to the AHS 47. Once again, Vecchiarelli was asking his defenders to suck it up. West Side checked the clock and knew time was quickly running out.

Two Josh Blizzard passes brought the ball to the AHS 38. An incompletion made it fourth and one. Terrier Coach Jack Murphy decided to gamble with 1:26 left. His club, on what could have been down to their last offensive play of the season, pulled a trick. They altered their snap count just enough to draw the tensed-up AHS defense offside.



AGAWAM HIGH VARSITY CHEERLEADERS led the cheers at the Annual Bonfire Rally at Harmon Smith Field on Wednesday evening, November 23rd. Believe it folks, it was cold out there. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

West Side now found itself with a first and 10 at the 29. Blizzard threw two balls incomplete. But on third and 10, he dropped to pass again. It let it fly into the left flat. And what followed will be remembered for years to come.

The ball went incomplete but the yellow flag flew and a pass interference was called on Jeff Harlin, a fine defensive back. It was a bad call. But West Side had new life with first and 10 on the AHS 21.

It was a tense time for that penalty could have just as easily not have been called. But Brownie tempers flared; things were said in the heat of the battle. And once again AHS found itself deep in its own territory at the seven yard line. The personal foul penalty was tacked onto the tail of the pass interference penalty. (A total of 155 penalty yards were called in this one.)

It was now first and goal, West Side, with 1:09 left. On the next play, Miller broke off left tackle for seven yards and paydirt. West Side had an 8-6 lead. The Brownie defense had been asked to go to the well one too many times. The two-point conversion failed.

There were 59 seconds left when AHS took the ensuring kickoff at its own 31. It was obvious what

had to be done - hit the airplanes. Lauro did just that. He was mauled by defensive end Sam Hoffman. Lauro struggled and the ball popped out.

Only one player on the field was close to the ball as it bounded towards the AHS end zone. And that was West Side linebacker Shawn Lyman. The sophomore scooped it up and in a shining moment he'll never forget, returned the fumble for a touchdown that cooked the Brownies for good. The final was 14-6.

Had Its Revenge




West Side had its revenge and despite finishing at 4-5, it was now a successful season because of this game's importance. AHS, despite a share of the AA Conference title and a 6-4 final record, could find little solace when it all went into the record books.

This game also marked the end of Votzakis' great career. The 5'11, 205-pound senior broke into the varsity lineup as a sophomore and was one of six captains this season. He had 1,405 rushing yards and 17 touchdowns.

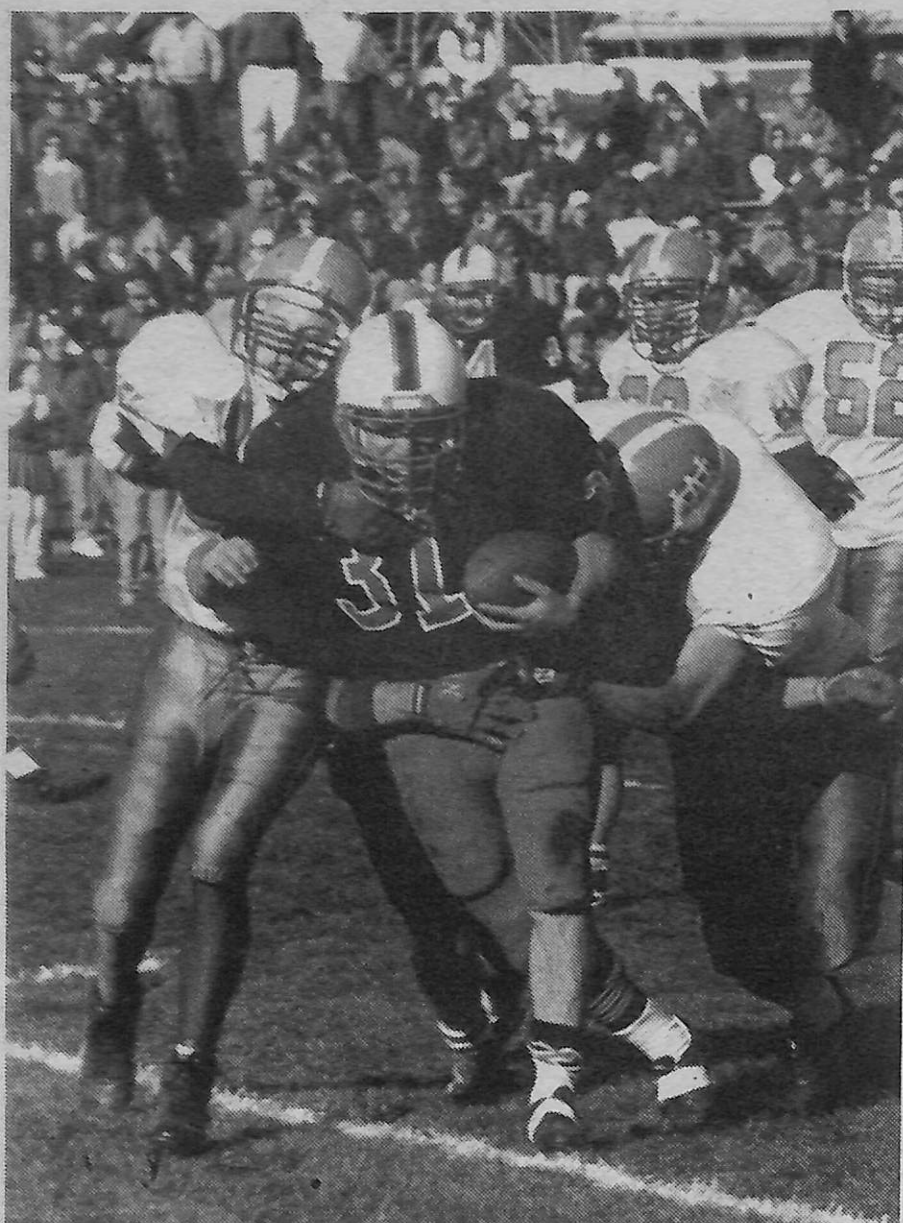
In his three seasons with the Brownies, he amassed 3,592 rushing yards and scored 43 touchdowns. He will be considered one of the school's all-time great runners.



AGAWAM HIGH SOPHOMORE tight end **Bryan Menard** goes for a catch in Thanksgiving Day game vs. West Side. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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AGAWAM HIGH junior fullback Dom Pisano is tackled by two West Side defenders in first half action at Clarke Field on Thanksgiving morning. West Side won, 14-6. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



JASON VOTZAKIS rushed well early for Agawam High before West Side stacked the line with eight men. Votzak scored the Brownies' only TD in the first quarter. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

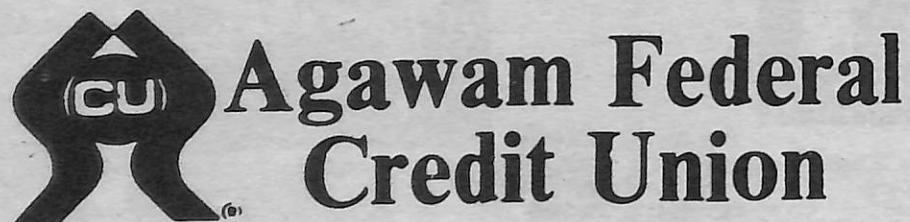
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Piranhas Swim Team Loses Close Meet To Belchertown

The Agawam AA Piranhas swim team lost to a tough Belchertown team, 456-427, on November 18th at the Agawam Junior High School. The results included:

Girls 8 & under:

The team of Johannah Kos, Genevieve Wojcik, Angela Vinton, and Julia Weisgerber placed first in the 100-yard freestyle relay; and the team of Kristen Wojcik, Marissa Wynne, Julie Gorman, and Tammy Gorman placed third.

The team of Lauren Fox, Bethany Reid, Jillian Kos, and Katie Gorman placed first in the 100-yard medley relay; and the team of Genevieve Wojcik, Johannah Kos, Julia Weisgerber, and Angela Vinton placed second.

Jillian Kos, first, and Bethany Reid, second in 100-yard individual medley; Jillian Kos, first, and Marissa Wynne, third in 25-yard freestyle; Johannah Kos, third in 25-yard butterfly; Katie Gorman, first, and Angela Vinton, third in 50-yard freestyle; Genevieve Wojcik, second, and Lauren Fox, third in 25-yard backstroke; Bethany Reid, first in 25-yard breaststroke.

Boys 8 & under:

The team of Shaun Bruso, Seamus Moran, Joseph McGeoghan, and Doug Duquette placed second in the 100-yard freestyle relay; the team of Erik Deliefde, Ben Bruso, Jamie Lewin, and Jeffrey Lagasse placed first in the 100-yard medley relay.

Ben Bruso, first in 100-yard individual medley; Doug Duquette, second, and Shaun Bruso, third in 25-yard freestyle; Jamie Lewin, first in 25-yard butterfly; Jeffrey Lagasse, first, and Doug Duquette, third in 50-yard freestyle; Jeffrey Lagasse, first, and Seamus Moran, second in 25-yard backstroke; Ben Bruso, first in 25-yard breaststroke.

Girls 9-10:

The team of Hilary Golas, Kara Gilhooly, Christina O'Brien, and Amanda Fox place first in the 200-yard freestyle relay; the team of Allison Morris, Ashley King, Kyleigh Egan, and Leigh Stepanian placed second in the 200-yard medley relay.

Christina O'Brien, second, and Kyleigh Egan, third in 100-yard individual medley; Hilary Golas, first, and Kara Gilhooly, third in 50-yard freestyle; Amanda Fox, first, and Kyleigh Egan, third in 50-yard butterfly; Amanda Fox, first, and Christina O'Brien, third in 100-yard freestyle; Hilary Golas, first, and Kara Gilhooly, second in 50-yard backstroke; Ashley King, second, and Allison Morris, third in 50-yard breaststroke.

Boys 9-10:

The team of Paul Lagasse, Ryan Sullivan, Brian McGuire, and Daniel Adamski placed first in the 200-yard medley relay.

Brian McGuire, second in 100-yard individual medley; Daniel Adamski, first, and Paul Lagasse,

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Youth Football Jr. Cheerleaders End Season



THE 1994 AGAWAM YOUTH CHEERLEADERS Jr. Squad sincerely thanks the Jr. Youth Football team for a great season. Your dedication to sportsmanship was outstanding, and the girls enjoyed cheering each weekend during the fall. The cheerleaders also thank parents, families, and friends for their tireless patience and support. Team members are, standing, from left - Heather Ferguson, Rachel Lara, Danielle Cardin, Jenna Bodurtha, Ashley Guiel, Vanessa Planzo, and Jamie Santos. Kneeling - Holly Trombley, Jessica Forni, Annie Shibley, Lauren DeLuca, Jennifer Rooke, and Megan Loomis. Sitting - Aimee Piccin and Ashlee Lorraine. The team was coached by Donna Bodurtha.

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Personal Perspective On Sports...

Hunting - Is It Necessary? Is It A Sport?

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

It's that slack time in high school sports; the period between the end of football and the start of the winter athletic season. It's a time when one lets their mind run a little loose and cast around for something sportsworthy and maybe a little different to talk about. This week I'm going to take on hunting, since it is the opening of deer season.

First, we must ask ourselves if hunting is indeed a sport. I know my share of hunters, many of them are good friends. They tell me it is. They tell me they are not only sportsmen, but in their own way, athletes as well.

I suppose they have a point. After all, hunters do have to slog down backwoods' dirt roads clogged with semi-frozen fall mud. On occasion, they have to make their way over rusty barbed-wire fences and crumbling stone walls. They have to stagger over dangerous deadfalls and slip and slide down slick, wet, leaf-covered slopes.

And then there's the pure competition of trying to blow the brains out of bigger game than your hunting companions, then dragging it for miles to get it out of the woods. I don't believe you need to be Drew Bledsoe to engage in such semi-stressful endeavors. But I'll give them the benefit of the doubt. There must be some draw to it, because even in this age of pseudo gun control, more folks are taking up the "sport" all the time.

On occasion, as I watch one of my hunter friends cleaning up his rifle or shotgun in preparation for a sporting day in the woods, I ask why? I usually get about as many answers as there are pellets in a 20-gauge shell. They like the exercise. And I admit things can get a bit strenuous in the wild, especially that wild sprint through the trees if you happen to miss that big black bear and he decides you wouldn't make a bad meal yourself.

I suppose under those circumstances, many hunters have run the hundred faster than Ben Johnson. For that rationale, I offer up the idea of going for a nice, brisk walk in the wilderness. I get no reply. Then it's something about liking the woods and all the animals.

I ask if they've ever heard of cameras? They shoot things, too, only it's not as messy. And you can also do that in the forest primeval among the murmuring pines and the hemlocks. Nope, they can't do that, either.



That "Ancient Tradition"...

Then it must be for the meat; that ancient tradition of putting sustenance in the larder. All I know is that the big money some of these guys spend

on a hunting license alone, could get you quite a cache down at the local market's meat counter. Heck, you could even go to the specialty butcher shop and pick out enough exotic meat to last you most of the year.

Remember, many hunters return to the campfire (or these days, it would be the R.V.) with little more to show for their efforts than a bunch of blisters, maybe a slight sprain or two, and perhaps a bodacious hangover.

Another reason could be the conservationist theme, culling the beard and all that. After all, they starve if we don't harvest them. Animals in the wild have been starving since before humans were a glimmer in God's eye. Nature, if man doesn't interfere, can take care of itself nicely.

Then there's always the question of what can happen when a bunch of excited people—people armed with deadly weapons—get into the close cover of the woods. Many years ago, I had a friend (who was a dedicated hunter) once tell me a frightening story.

He was hunting deer in some thick woods in the town of Grafton, Massachusetts. He'd pulled up by a big tree beside a thick grove of pines. He was standing there stone still in the sunlight, when he saw another hunter about a hundred yards away, heading in his direction.

The other guy seemed to be intent on the conifers. He stopped abruptly, raised his shotgun, and emptied both barrels into the pine grove. My friend was dumbfounded. He raced over to the other man and asked him what the hell he thought he was doing.

"Sound shot," the guy replied. He'd heard something in the thick stand and decided to shoot at it, thinking perhaps it might be a deer. "Because that's where they like to hide," he explained. My friend got out of there in a hurry.

He still hunts, but that day changed his perception of just who might be on the other side of that thick, dark grove you've been patiently waiting beside all day long.

Accidents Can Happen With Guns

Accidents happen when guns are involved. It can't be avoided. Maybe that's why some farmers take the time to paint the word "cow" or "horse" on the flanks of their livestock when hunting season rolls around. Maybe the responsible hunter (in kind) should paint "human" on their orange vests, because sometimes even they aren't enough protection.

My hunting friends always come back at me with the observation that I fish. They're right, I do, exclusively in salt water. But no matter how many times I tell them that the barb on the hook is either crimped flat or filed off, and the line is as light as I can get it to have some sport and fight the fish, they don't seem to hear.

I release all my fish, too. It's a lot easier to get them ready-to-go in the seafood section. They don't seem to hear. They don't seem to get the fact that a sore mouth and a little exhaustion is a lot more palatable to an animal than lungs blown out over the background vegetation.

I honestly don't know why people engage in the sport. I don't think it's the lust to kill. Responsible people in their right minds don't behave like that. If it were for any of the other reasons mentioned above, there are viable and logical alternatives.

I've never yet been given a legitimate reason for someone blowing away Bambi, or Thumper, or even Daffy, for that matter. And I don't think I ever will.

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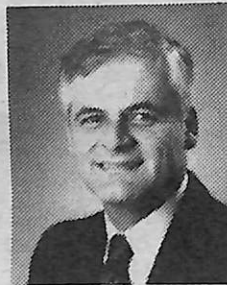
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The big news is good news—salmon have spawned in the Westfield River at the dam located in North Agawam. On November 14th, several spawning "redds," along with at least one and perhaps two adult salmon, were observed by John O'Leary, Anadromous Fish Project Leader for the DFW and Don Pugh of the Cooperative Fisheries Research Unit at the University of Massachusetts.

The find has caused a great deal of joy in the DFW. This is the first documented natural spawning of Atlantic salmon in Massachusetts waters since before the Industrial Revolution and marks a major milestone in the ongoing effort to restore salmon to Massachusetts rivers.

In one respect, the dam at the mill prevented the salmon from continuing up the Westfield to spawn. If the dam had a fish passage, as planned for the future, the spawn could have gone without being discovered.

Salmon restoration has been a priority of conservation efforts in the Commonwealth since the mid-1860's. The present Division of Fisheries and Wildlife originated as the Massachusetts Fish Commission charged with the challenge of bringing these magnificent fish back to Massachusetts waters with the financial help from the Federal Government to the tune of a couple million dollars. The present salmon restoration project dates back to 1967.

Earlier this year, a total of seven adult salmon had been collected from the Westfield River for brood stock purposes. It is likely that the fish seen spawning in the river this fall were fish that were present in the river during the spring and eluded the efforts by biologists to capture them.

The number of redds which were found indicates that more than one salmon had spawned in this area this fall. This reach of river was searched in 1993 for evidence of spawning and none was found even though 10 adult salmon had been collected in the spring of the year.

Atlantic salmon restoration efforts on the Westfield began with an experimental stocking of just 6,000 fry being planted above the dam in 1988. Based on the encouraging results of those early fry stockings, the total number of fry stocked into the basin has increased each year. In the spring of 1994, a total of 673,250 fry were released into the

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second in 50-yard freestyle; Brian McGuire, second, and Thomas Gorman, third in 50-yard butterfly; Ryan Sullivan, first in 100-yard freestyle; Daniel Adamski, second, and Paul Lagasse, third in 50-yard backstroke; Ryan Sullivan, first, and Joshua Lewin, third in 50-yard breaststroke.

Girls 11-12:

Shannon Costa, first in 200-yard individual medley; Caitlin Weisgerber, first in 200-yard freestyle; Lauren Kunkler, second in 50-yard freestyle; Caitlin Weisgerber, first in 50-yard butterfly; Shannon Costa, first, and Lauren Kunkler, second in 100-yard freestyle; Hilary King, second, and Rachel Morris, third in 50-yard backstroke; Jennifer Reid, first, and Chrissy Climo, third in 50-yard breaststroke.

Boys 11-12:

The team of Ryan Hanley, Nathan Adamski, Thomas Graveline, and Joseph Santaniello placed second in the 200-yard freestyle relay.

Joseph Santaniello, second in 200-yard individual medley; Joseph Santaniello, second in 200-yard freestyle; Ryan Hanley, first, and Thomas Graveline, third in 50-yard freestyle; Nathan Adamski, second in 50-yard butterfly; Ryan Hanley, second in 100-yard freestyle; Thomas Casiello, first in 50-yard backstroke; Thomas Casiello, first in 50-yard breaststroke.

Girls 13-14:

In the 200-yard freestyle relay, the team of Kelli Kunkel, Sarah Nacewicz, Alicyn Siano, and Kimberly Sullivan placed second; and the team of Jillian Abdow, Gina Cellilli, Gina LeClair, and Melissa Sparver placed third.

In the 200-yard medley relay, the team of Katie Theroux, Kimberly Ziemba, Gina Cellilli, and Jillian Abdow placed first.

Kelli Kunkel, second, and Alicyn Siano, third in 200-yard individual medley; Sarah Nacewicz, third in 200-yard freestyle; Kimberly Sullivan, third in 50-yard freestyle; Kelly Robinson, first, Gina LeClair, second, and Gina Cellilli, third in 100-yard butterfly; Alicyn Siano, third in 100-yard freestyle; Kimberly Sullivan, first, and Brenna McGinn, third in 100-yard backstroke; Katie Theroux, third in 100-yard breaststroke.

Boys 13-14:

Nicolas Duquette, third in 50-yard freestyle, and third in 100-yard freestyle.

Girls 15-18:

Tara Rivkin, second in 50-yard freestyle, and second in 100-yard freestyle.

watershed. The discovery of the spawn gives clout to the Division for building a fishway around the dam.

362 Canadian Geese Taken

Nineteen ninety-four marked the fifth year that waterfowlers hunting the Berkshire Waterfowl zone have had a special September Canada goose season. As in past years, participation required a special, free permit from the DFW. The permit has a diary on the back which must be filled out and returned, even by hunters who never use it. Biologists use the information to determine the harvest during the early season.

This year, 435 hunters applied for permits, but only 228 actually hunted during the special season. Only 88 of those hunters were successful in harvesting one or more geese, despite the hunters making a total of 609 trips. The 88 successful hunters bagged a total of 362 geese, an average of 4.1 geese per hunter, although some hunters took only one goose during the season while others had multiple bags on several occasions. All told, 10.5 percent of the harvest occurred as a fourth or fifth bird in the bag, about average for the past five years.

Hunter Harassment Law In Federal Crime Bill

An amendment which makes hunter harassment on federal land a federal offense has been retained omnibus federal crime legislation behind intense lobbying of the Wildlife Legislative Fund of America and other conservation organizations. A Congressional conference committee that

hammered out differences between House and Senate versions of the package approved final language in late July and the measure was signed by the President in September.

Sponsored by the Senate Congressional Sportsmen's Caucus Chairman, Senator Conrad Burns (R-Montana), the amendment complements hunter harassment laws enacted in 48 states. Virtually all of those state statutes are based on WLFA model legislation.

Animal Activists Sue Government

The "anti's," with their bottomless supply of funds, are at it again. Claiming unfair exclusion from an advisory committee set to revise the research industry's "Bible" on laboratory animal treatment, the Animal Legal Defense Fund has sued the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and its parent agency, the National Institute of Health (NIH).

The fund is demanding that animal activists be permitted to help revise *The Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals*.

The publication is relied upon by all researchers receiving NIH grants.

A spokeswoman for the NIH confirmed to the WLFA that the agency refuses animal activist participation in agency activities.

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The 1991 Riverside half-ton truck division was basic and simple. More of an Enduro, Super Stock chassis with a safe, NASCAR-approved cage, the trucks were only American-made, half-ton truck bodies with pick-up beds and covered. The field included Chevys, GMCs, Fords, and one Dodge half-ton truck. A woman driver has driven the Dodge to top-five finishes in every event.

For 1995, Ben Dodge is taking the Riverside half-ton truck division to a new dimension. With the television and NASCAR exposure, it's time to grow as a leader. Dodge is revising the half-ton trucks, and the division will be competing in 1995 for all 12 Sunday events.

And that's not all. Tentatively, the half-ton trucks will run a Friday night program called "High Five Fridays." This proposed summer heat series at Riverside will feature a variety of line entry racing in June, July, and August.

The half-ton truck division is really a simple class; any existing Riverside Super Stock car can compete if it conforms to the 1995 rules, has a full NASCAR cage inside the half-ton truck cab, and has support posts to bed. All trucks must have a complete bed with tail gate and fender walls, and the bed must be covered.

Trucks are suggested to resemble the general appearance of the NASCAR truck series or the existing low trucks used since 1991. No existing trucks that have raced since 1991 will have to be changed for 1995. Rules will be available on December 15th.

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Remember, half-ton trucks run in all Sunday events, with a limited proposed Saturday fall series. A tentative, proposed "High Five Friday" series is scheduled to be announced for June, July, and August. (Note: these events will not be on the first draft 1995 Riverside schedule.)

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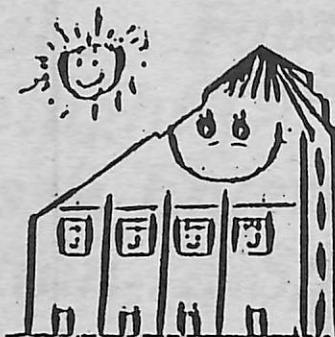
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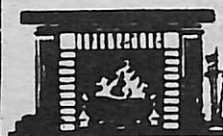
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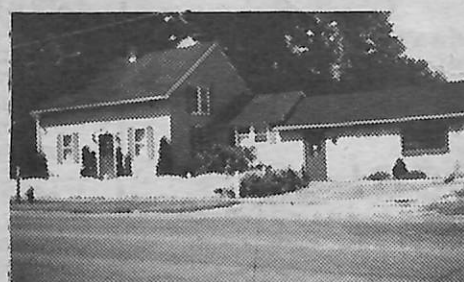
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For the first time in 1995, Riverside Speedway will offer a complete set of basic Mini Stock rules directly from the Speedway. If you have competed in the Mini Stocks in 1993 and 1994, then these rules are exactly the same rules for Riverside's Mini Stocks and are now available by written request. Send to Riverside Park Speedway, Mini Stock Rules 1995, Box 307, Agawam, MA 01001, Attn.: Mary. Remember, please be exact when requesting rules. A free color schedule, color brochure, or color poster is also available by writing to Riverside, or call today—(413) 786-9300, extension 3264.

Riverside Speedway Has Funraising Prog. For Fire Departments

Riverside Park Speedway's Race Director, Ben Dodge, Jr., has again established a unique program that will support the local community in an effort to raise money in a fundraiser fashion. Fact is, any fire department (volunteer or full-time) in Massachusetts, Connecticut, New Hampshire, Vermont, Maine, New York, or New Jersey is eligible to have a team.

These teams will compete in a giant six- to 20-car team in a special "Firemen's Fundraiser Team Demo Derby." The best news is that this is a great way for the teams to win \$5,000 which can be used by the winning fire department for whatever cause they choose. The money may be used to purchase a new truck, ambulance, building fund, jaws of life, or to go to the cause of your choice.

There is no special entry; it costs the town and its fire department nothing to enter. Each fire department must have the chief or person in charge send a letter of commitment listing the car number and the drivers of each car. Also list the address of the fire station office, phone number, the department contact, and (most important) the date of the event your team wishes to attend. These events will be run on the following Sundays only: May 28th, June 11th, July 2nd, July 22nd, and August 26th.

Send your entry to: Riverside Park Speedway, Box 307, Agawam, MA 01001, Attn.: Ben Dodge (Firemen's Fundraisers). Remember, this is a chance to raise \$3,000 if you win all six events. (Note: all contestants will have to buy a pit-insurance pass on race day for \$15.)

The rules are simple. Each team supplies its own cars for the team Demo. They must be painted all alike as a team. Each car should have the fire department company painted in big bold letters down both sides; the name on the hood; as well as the town and state. Meanwhile, a giant, single-digit number should be painted on both the roof and trunk.

Any full-size or four-door car or wagon can be used. Remove all glass except the windshield, and bolt or weld all doors. Do not remove the battery or gas tank, but remove all chrome lights, etc. Only five gallons of gas are required for each race, and all drivers must have seatbelts, shoulder harnesses, and helmets with goggles.

The event consists of teams with the last car running representing the winning team. This is a full insured event. The speedway has a contracted salvage company that removes and takes all cars after the event is over. Anyone 16 years of age or older is welcome to participate. Insurance pit passes are just \$15 on race day.

Raise money for your community—enter and make it a team effort. Your town will be even prouder of its firemen who can raise \$500 per event. These team race events are run with regular shows like Dem-Duros, Enduros, and holiday specials.

For rules, write: Riverside Park Speedway, Box 307, Agawam, MA 01001, Attn.: Mary. Include what rules you request. (No phone requests accepted.)

It appears that the Mini Stocks on the quarter-mile is a popular class. The variety of cars range from Ford-Pinto - Tempo and Mustang II to foreign cars like V-W Sciroco and Rabbits, Saabs, BMWs, and much more. The popular Chevy Cavalier, Dodge TC-3, and others are welcome, too.

The division starts as many as 30 cars in the feature, and this may also include a B feature. The feature distance is 20 laps and may pay as much as \$300 to win. All cars running in the feature receive money, and the winners receive trophies.

"Riverside is a great facility to run Mini Stocks, as the variety of the Mini Stock car makes it a great division," said Fred Felton, the "winningest" Mini Stock driver in 1994. "These cars are tough and easy to maintain. The Park treats you real good; it's fun."

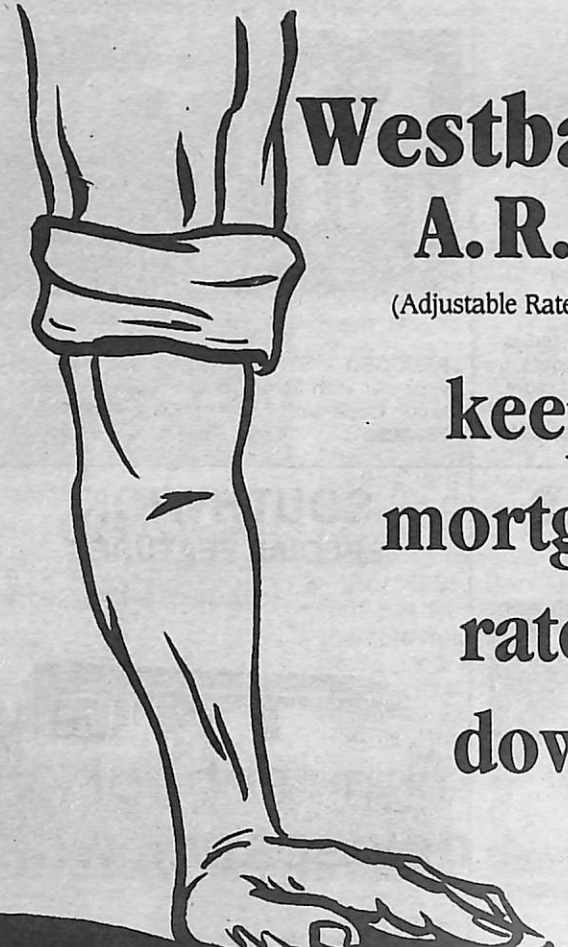
Sunday events are listed as Marathon Madness

Endurance events and holiday specials. This does not include the Saturday fall series, or the tentative "High Five" series on Fridays proposed for June, July, and August.

Auto racing will resume at Riverside Speedway on Saturday, March 25th, with the Budweiser "Big Chill." Season tickets are on sale, with a Christmas special of just \$200 covering all 35-plus events and the Modified Tour and Busch North. It also includes admission to the Park and free VIP coverage.

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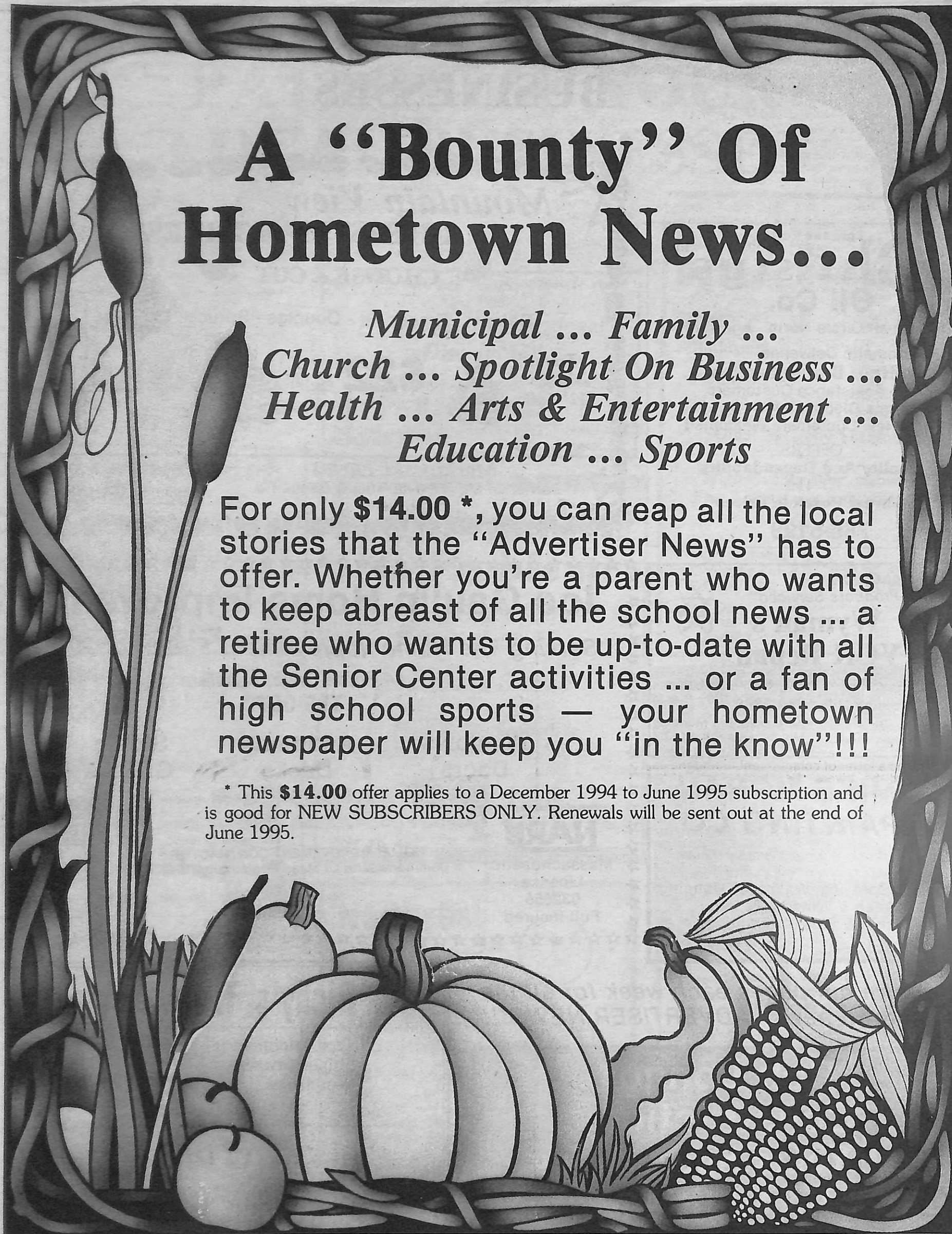
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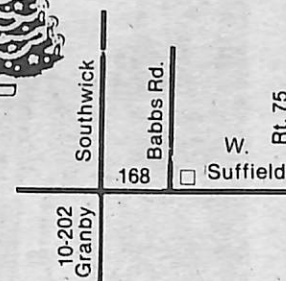
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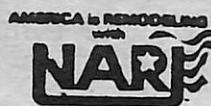
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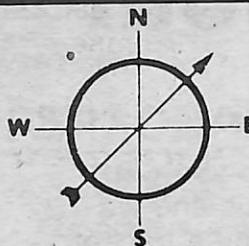
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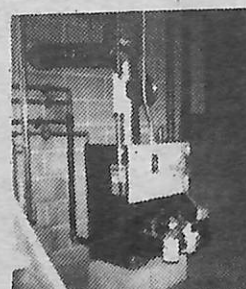
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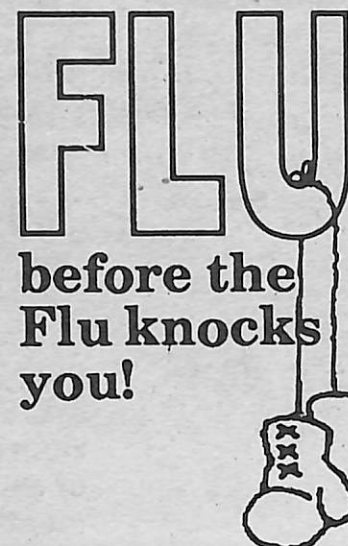
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